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## Village plans may mean new playing fields site

A surprise change by university planners could replace cornfields with playing fields on the Gill Tract

By Matt Petersen  
STAFF WRITER

The city could have its own field of dreams in the near future as the University Village redevelopment team plans to build playing fields where UC Berkeley has acres of corn.

In a presentation before the City Council on Monday, three UC Berkeley planners added a

new twist to their initial plans to build ball fields in the Dowling Park section of the Village, an open stretch of land along the west border near the I-80 freeway.

Instead, planners are now looking into turning the Gill Tract, a 9.6-acre parcel that has been used by the university for educational research, into recreational space that will include playing fields. The land is now planted in corn.

The idea is a minor yet much appreciated tweak to a major village renovation process that has been in the works for three years.

The village provides family housing for UC Berkeley students.

The \$80 million renovation, aimed at replacing 1940s era housing with modern town houses, initially called for destroying two ball fields popular with Berkeley and Albany recreational leagues. After an initial outcry, the university proposed the Dowling Park location for more fields.

That decision has been met with skepticism because parents don't like the closeness to the railroad tracks and the limited parking in the area. Others were rankled because the fields would

be an annoyance to Village and Cordones creeks, which run through the area. The creeks are currently in the process of being restored.

The move to build a recreation ground on the Gill Tract came as a surprise to many in the audience and on the council who believed that there were restrictions for the land to be used only for educational research space. The land's use as agricultural or horticultural space dates back more than a century.

"I had always heard that there

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## TUESDAY ELECTIONS



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**EL CERRITO** City Council candidate Letitia Moore, at left, pictured with her friend, retired Mayor Jane Bartke, as they wait for the votes to come back Tuesday night at Moore's house. Incumbent Mark Friedman, who was re-elected Tuesday, is at right.

## El Cerrito re-elects two, adds a new face

■ Letitia Moore joins Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman on the council

By Kate Darby Rauch  
STAFF WRITER

**EL CERRITO** — There were no big surprises in the race to fill three open seats on the city council, with incumbents Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman in a near dead heat with the most votes, followed by planning commissioner Letitia Moore.

Tony Wise, who sits on the city's Economic Development Board, came in fourth.

Brusatori, a bank vice president, and Friedman, an administrator for Alameda County, each got around 29 percent of the vote; Moore, a lawyer, won 27 percent.

Incumbents are almost always favored in elections, and Moore might have had a boost from name recognition, since she ran for a council seat two years ago.

But electoral wisdom aside, issues also factored in to this off-year election.

Wise, 34, owner of a pawn and jewelry shop, veered from the other candidates in some of his views. Most notably, Wise said the city shouldn't encourage any more affordable housing, contending it can lower property

values and discourage economic development.

Moore and Friedman strongly believe the city has a role in helping to ease the Bay Area's affordable housing shortage. Brusatori has been less emphatic, but is open to the idea of boosting the city's stock of affordable housing.

Wise also said the city should secede from the West Contra Costa school district as a way to improve school quality, and with that home values.

Some local political pundits have said Wise's views are too extreme for most El Cerritos; the city is solidly democratic and relatively liberal.

But Wise disagrees. He said he was pleased at the strong base of support he developed while campaigning and attributes his loss to inexperience.

Look for him again in the next council race, he said.

"It sets a good foundation for next year. I think I got a good showing."

It's too early to tell where the votes will fall with the council's new face. If history's a clue, Friedman, Moore, and Councilwoman Janet Abelson will agree on issues more than disagree, with Brusatori and Council member Kathleen Perka wild cards.

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HERMAN BUSTAMANTE JR./STAFF

**EL CERRITO** High School automotive class students Terrell Thomas, Gabriel Grimshaw, Steven Khansoung and Kao Saechao, look over a 2000 Mustang GT donated to the program by Hilltop Ford.

## Class turns lemon to lemonade

By Mary Reiley  
STAFF WRITER

It's red and so cool that it's hot. This red-hot 2000 Ford Mustang GT, a dream car for most teens (and many adults), was donated to the El Cerrito High School automotive program in October by Hilltop Ford in Richmond. But the two-door car isn't intended for driving. It sits in an auto shop stall at El Cerrito High School, a daily object lesson in George Alston's classes.

Ford occasionally donates cars it has bought back under the California lemon law for training, according to Chantal McInelly, warranty administrator for Hilltop Ford.

"I was touched by listening to George (Alston), and I hold the students' thank-you letters in great esteem," McInelly said. "I know this is a donation that is much appreciated."

"It's the newest car we've ever had to work on," Alston said.

The conditions of the donation specify that the car, delivered last month, is to be used for training purposes only and may

not be driven on a street, McInelly said.

After the car was delivered, Alston had the students write letters to thank McInelly for her part in the donation. That's part of the other training he gives his students, lessons in etiquette, citizenship and life.

Other cars used in the classes get attention from Alston's 45 students — there was a Honda with a starter problem, and a Lincoln Continental and Ford Taurus sitting in the auto stalls on Tuesday — but the kids gravitate to the shiny Mustang.

Since they received the car through the auto dealership, the students have been practicing under-the-hood maintenance and service. They take turns checking and changing its oil, rotating the tires, inspecting brakes and checking the engine components.

Even though the kids are very interested in all of the above, they also find the factory-installed CD sound system irresistible.

Becoming savvy consumers when it comes to maintenance and repairs is what brought Julian Pont and James Liggins to

the class.

"I want to know about mechanics and not get ripped off," Julian said.

Monica Baeza, on the other hand, thought a course in automotive basics would be fun, and might hold something for her future.

"I'd rather work on cars than sit at a desk all day," she said.

An affinity for cars is what brought Matt Ashbaugh and Giancarlo Frugoli to the class.

"I love cars," said Giancarlo, owner of a 1966 Mustang.

Gabe Grimshaw already had experience working on cars before taking the class. He owns a 1978 Chevy step-side truck, with a red oak bed he installed himself.

He was gaining experience with a blowtorch on Tuesday, dismantling a car frame.

Daveion Lions is also learning how cars are made by taking them apart with the blowtorch.

"This is a cool class," Daveion said. Alston is a retired chief petty officer

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## Albany voters break with tradition on selecting police chief

■ The change from elected to appointed leaves the future of current chief Larry Murdo in doubt

By Kate Darby Rauch  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

**ALBANY** — It was a race many people said was impossible to call. But in the end, voters spoke loud and clear, overwhelmingly supporting a measure to change the way the police chief is hired, from election to appointment.

Measure C, which calls for a change in the city charter, won with 59 percent of the votes.

"It clearly shows that Albany has changed," said Councilman Mario DiPrisco, adding he was "thrilled" by the vote. "There's a lot more younger families, it's become more progressive and open-minded."

Similar ballot measures have been defeated four times in the past 50 years.

Until Tuesday, Albany was one of two cities in the state to elect its top cop; the other is Santa Clara.

But supporters of Measure C

said it's time to bring the city in line with most others in the state.

An appointed chief, who reports to the City Council, is more accountable than an elected chief, who reports to the public, they said. Appointment also ensures the most qualified person is hired, since it widens the candidate pool, they said.

Elected chiefs must meet strict requirements, including living in Albany, having an advanced degree and considerable supervisory experience.

Few people are estimated to meet those requirements.

Opponents said the system's been working well for years, and the city has a low crime rate, so why change it.

Tuesday's result is another sign of the disintegration of Albany's small town quality, said Bob Good, a former councilman and Measure C opponent. "It's gradually being eroded day by day."

Good attributes the outcome to a well-financed campaign and low voter turnout. "We'll survive; it could be a lot worse," he adds.

City Administrator Beth Pol-

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## El Cerrito takes redevelopment out of mothballs

STAFF REPORT

**EL CERRITO** — The city's redevelopment agency, in "hiatus" for the past two years, was reactivated Monday by the City Council.

The council vote, three in fa-

vor with council women Gina Brusatori and Kathie Perka abstaining, indicates the caution of officials are taking toward the program, the subject of controversy in El Cerrito for over a decade.

Disagreements over the types of projects selected for redevelopment funds and public anger over the agency's debt for city staff time led to a 1999 recommendation to suspend the program, even though redevelopment powers were still used for existing projects, most notably the new Honda dealership on San Pablo Avenue.

City Councilman Mark Friedman, who chairs the agency,

noted that the program's debt to the city has been repaid and said El Cerrito will need all the tools it can muster — including redevelopment — as it seeks to strengthen its commercial area.

Redevelopment is funded through a diverted portion of property tax above a frozen base level. It also gives a city eminent domain powers to condemn and assemble properties deemed blighted.

Friedman said the issue "used to be a lightning rod in the community," but that actions by the current council, based on recommendations of the Committee of the Whole advisory group, has

defused much of the contentiousness, if not caution around the subject.

Three public meetings on the subject of reactivation were lightly attended.

In voting to abstain, Councilwoman Brusatori wanted to approach the reactivation even more cautiously, preferring to hold a longer process of public hearings and study.

Friedman and Councilwoman Janet Abelson said there will be a public process and ample opportunity for input before decisions are made on using redevelopment powers.

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## 'Macbeth' at AHS

The Albany High School Theater Ensemble presents William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" today and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Albany High School Little Theater, 603 Key Route Blvd. in Albany. Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 students and seniors, available at the door, or in advance through the box office. For reservations or more information write to: theaterensemble@hotmail.com. The production is directed by Amy Cass: produced by Sarah Samonsky; costumes, set, lighting, publicity, and funding by the students of Albany High School Theater Ensemble.

## ECHS Information Night

El Cerrito High School presents Eighth Grade Information Night on Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the main cafeteria at the school, 540 Ashbury Ave. This is a great opportunity for all incoming freshman to meet teachers, and fellow students. Learn all about the sports, clubs, classes, events, facilities, and what it means to be a member of the student body. Light refreshments will be served. All parents and students are welcome. Details: Belstroth@hotmail.com Or, call 525-0234 ext. 111

## Tales from many lands

Children of all ages are invited to celebrate Children's Book Week, Nov. 11-17, at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. On Wednesday, Nov. 14th at 7 p.m. the Albany Library will present a storytelling program featuring "Marjorie" Come hear this spellbinding storyteller who keeps alive the African Griot tradition as a truth-teller and history-keeper. Details: 526-7866

## Middle East talk

Mira Vista United Church of Christ will present Rosemary Radford Ruether, Carpenter Foundation professor of

feminist theology at UC Berkeley's Graduate Theological Union, in a talk about better understanding the Middle East and the political and historical roots of the Israel and Palestine crises at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11. Ruether is the author of many books and journal articles, including The Wrath of Jonah, a political and historical account of the Israel/Palestine situation. The church is at 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Admission is free. Details: 510-524-0110

## Preschool Storytime

Don't miss Preschool Storytime, for ages 3-5, at the Albany Library (1247 Marin Ave.) Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. through Dec. 27. Sign up at the Children's Desk, or call 510-526-3720, ext. 6. The series began Nov. 1.

## 'Lazy Person's Gardening'

Learn how to relax and enjoy your garden when Bonnie Brusseau, nurseryperson, shares her gardening tips and shortcuts following the Berkeley Garden Club's 1 p.m. business meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1553 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Guests are welcome. The program is free. Call 510-524-4374 for more details.

## AAUW meeting

The West Contra Costa branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito. County Supervisor John Gioia will speak about "Hot Issues in Contra Costa County." Members and the general public admitted free of charge. Brunch will be served.

## Composting class

A free home composting workshop will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Richmond Community Garden, corner of Macdonald Avenue and Harbour Way. Improve the condition of your soil, learn to recycle yard and vegetable trimmings in your own backyard and never need to buy fertilizer again. Use your home

compost to. Win a free Home Composter. Sign up now at 510-215-3021.

## Next at CCCT

The Contra Costa Civic Theatre (951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito) will present "Mixed Doubles" ("I'm Herbert," The "Footsteps of Doves," Robert Anderson, "Ways and Means," Noel Coward), Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Nov. 30, through Dec. 9. Tickets: \$8. Details: 510-524-9132.

## Homework Help

The Albany Library announces the opening of their new Homework Center. High school students provide homework assistance in math and science for middle school and high school students. The Homework Center is free and is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, from 3:30 to 5:30. The Albany Library is located at 1247 Marin Ave. in Albany. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at the Albany Library: 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

## Socratic Circle

Does your brain need a workout? All ages are welcome when Cafe Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave., presents Socratic Circle Discussions on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. Details: 510-527-2344.

## Internet instruction

Would you like to know how to "surf the Internet," set up an e-mail account or check out a web address? If so, help can be found at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Library volunteers are available by appointment to demonstrate how to locate the on-line information you are seeking. The free, one-on-one, one-hour training sessions allows learning at your own pace and focus on the information that is important to you. For more information call the El Cerrito Library at 510-526-7512 and ask about making a one-hour appointment with one of the trained volunteers.

## POLICE REPORTS

## Gunman punches clerk, robs store

EL CERRITO — A robber knocked a candy store worker to the ground with a punch Thursday while robbing a See's Candy shop of an undisclosed amount of cash.

The man entered the store at 160 El Cerrito Plaza at 4:51 p.m. and threatened employees with a black semi-automatic handgun, El Cerrito police Sgt. Peter Station said.

The man then struck the woman and ordered all the employees into the back room. He then stole cash from the registers and fled on foot.

No one was seriously injured. Police ask anyone with information about the robbery to call Detective Scott Clatt at 510-25-4400.

■ A Lawrence Court resident reported to police that between Oct. 18 and Oct. 20 a woman telephoned her about 30 times. The police report listed a 42-year-old Oakland woman as the suspect and stated the dispute was over money.

■ At 10:39 a.m. Oct. 18 it was reported that someone had tried to break into a hair salon in the 6900 block of Stockton Avenue. Someone had tried unsuccessfully to unlock the deadbolt and door-knob locks on the door, apparently by forcing a screwdriver into the keyholes. Damage to the locks was estimated at \$100.

■ At 9:10 p.m. on Oct. 27 a perpetrator struck a victim in the face, stole the victim's bag and fled in a silver/light blue sedan in the 300 block of Behrens Street.

■ On Oct. 31 at about 9:30 p.m. assailants accosted trick-or-treaters in the 3300 block of Carlson, using force to take Halloween masks and candy from them. Two suspects were arrested.

■ On Oct. 28 someone entered a garage in the 5200 block of Ernest Avenue and began removing tools until confronted by the owner. The property was then returned.

■ On Oct. 29 someone used a ladder to enter the open window of a residence in the 2600 block of Arlington Avenue, ransacking the residence and stealing property.

■ That same night in the same block another house was ransacked and property taken. A man was seen fleeing on a late-1980s, dark blue Volvo station wagon.

■ Sometime overnight between Oct. 26 and 27 the padlock was cut off the bed cover of a pickup truck in the 7400 block of Mooser Lane and items were stolen. There was a second report of an attempted burglary from a truck on Mooser that day, but no property was taken. Another truck was targeted that night in the 500 block of Balra, when a toolbox was pried open and tools were

taken.

■ In the evening on Oct. 27 someone went to the trash can breaking the front passenger side window of a vehicle and stealing a pair of sunglasses.

■ Someone damaged the passenger doorlock of a vehicle in the 2500 block of Alta Drive on Oct. 27 in an unsuccessful attempt to gain entry.

■ The driver's side window of a car in the 6700 block of Santa Fe Avenue was smashed overnight between Oct. 28 and 29 in a failed effort to remove the in-car stereo.

■ Someone removed the panels of the front door of a house in the 10700 block of a highway overnight between Oct. 27 and 28 and then removed cash from the cash register.

A number of vehicle thefts were reported on Oct. 24 and 25 including a 1986 Nissan pickup in the 800 block of Kearney Street, a 1984 Nissan pickup in the 800 block of Lincoln Avenue, a 1984 Chevrolet Corvete in the 1900 block of Lexington Avenue, and a 1993 Yamaha motorcycle in the 6500 block of Fairmount Avenue. In addition, a 1986 Toyota pickup was reported stolen from the 8100 block of Terrace Drive on Oct. 29.

## No one saw cell-phone theft from car

By K. Osborn

CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the morning of Oct. 30 a resident on the 1200 block of Portland Avenue reported that during the night thieves broke into his white '95 Honda and stole his cell phone. There were no witnesses.

■ Just before noon on Oct. 30 a resident on the 600 block of San Carlos Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the registration tags off her tan '82 Toyota Tercel. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Nov. 2 El Cerrito police reported locating a white '80 Toyota pickup that had been reported as stolen out of Albany. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

■ On the night of Nov. 2 officers responded to the 900 block of Cleveland Avenue on reports of a couple having a violent argument. Officers contacted the husband and wife and observed visible injuries on the woman. They arrested the 37-year-old Albany man for wife beating. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the afternoon of Nov. 3 a resident on the 800 block of Cleveland Avenue reported that vandals had broken the side mirror of her red '85 Ford F250. It appeared as if a moving vehicle had possibly come too close and hit the mirror. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 5 p.m. a Berkeley woman reported that thieves had stolen her purse from inside her

'84 Toyota SW while it was parked on Albany Hill near the park. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 9 p.m. on Nov. 3 an employee at a restaurant on the corner of San Pablo and Solano Avenues reported that subjects described as three white males wearing red clothing had stolen the tips from a jar on the counter. They were last seen walking north on San Pablo Avenue. Officers searched the area and observed subjects matching the description in a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue. They contacted a 19-year-old El Cerrito man who matched the description of the subject who took the money and the images on the surveillance camera. He admitted taking the money and was arrested for petty theft, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. A 17-year-old Albany boy was also arrested for resisting or obstructing an officer. He was cited and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear. The third subject was not involved and was released.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Nov. 4 officers stopped a white Dodge Caravan near Solano Avenue and

Adams Street for a vehicle and driver violation. The driver, a 43-year-old Richmond man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Contra Costa County for drug charges in the amount of \$10,000. He was arrested, cited, and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ At about 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 a resident on the 900 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported that thieves had stolen his blue '95 Honda Accord. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Oct. 29 Albany officers towed several vehicles, responded to five false alarms, assisted one person who was locked out of his house and responded to three reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers responded to one domestic dispute, eight civil disturbances and 78 civil assists. Officers stopped 95 cars and pedestrians issuing 59 citations and 36 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to three fire calls and 16 medical emergencies.

## Kaiser to offer free flu vaccinations

RICHMOND — Kaiser Permanente will offer free flu and pneumonia vaccines to chronically ill and high-risk members at its Richmond Medical Center. Immunizations will be given from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Nov. 17.

The center is located at 901 Nevin Ave. The clinics will be in

the surface parking lot on Eighth Street (weather permitting) and on the first floor of the medical office building.

Free flu clinics for other Kaiser members will begin on Nov. 19 and continue through Dec. 21.

For details, call Kaiser's flu hot line at 510-307-1850.

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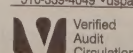
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## Albany celebrates the holiday season

Despite everything, autumn has arrived. The days are short now, the nights long, and though a bit behind schedule, the leaves of Albany's maple and ginkgo trees are turning crimson and yellow. Folks are digging out their wool sweaters and mufflers, watching football games and starting to make plans for the holidays.

And what better place to celebrate than in Albany, a city once described as "a sweet little town blessed with a wonderful combination of mom-and-pop stores and modern boutiques, one rich in diversity — a beautiful, sane, and generous place."

THE HOLIDAYS: Soon we will be preparing for Thanksgiving, a day when Walker's Restaurant stacks up mountains of white cardboard boxes, each cradling fresh pies of pumpkin, pecan, apple and mince meat, to name a few.

Just down Solano Avenue at Flowerland, Bob and Fran Wilson have seasoned firewood and poinsettias. And though winter approaches, gardeners are picking up scores of bulbs, planting daffodils and tulips, paperwhites and crocus, setting them down into the earth where they will sleep soundly until spring.

Yes, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Thanksgiving! And what could be more traditional at this time of year than sweet potatoes? If you haven't already, check out the brand new Sweet Potato outlet store, a lovely boutique that offers up a rich, beautiful selection of children's clothing at incredibly low prices.

Albany. What a great place for kids. Children can walk home from school, go to a malt shop, buy an ice cream cone, or, if they are sports fans, stop at Dave's Dugout, which recently relocated to San Pablo Avenue. Barry Bonds is there, as is Mark McGwire, and everything else a

JAMES CARTER  
Albany Chamber Notes

kid (or adult) who collects sports memorabilia could ever want.

And if you're really into strikes and balls, Albany Bowl is the place to go — one of the last of the small town bowling alleys.

Where else can you find teddy bears and baubles, visit an art gallery and an antique shop, buy a new car, get a hairdo and a perm, purchase fresh-baked bread and a cappuccino, have your nails done, your back adjusted, your teeth cleaned, and your pet groomed?

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

There's an extraordinary selection of restaurants to choose from in Albany, ranging from The Solano Grill and Bar with its exquisite California cuisine, to marvelous deli sandwiches at Zarris. We've got everything under the sun here, from great Chinese and Thai restaurants to Korean barbecue, sushi and pizza, cuisine from India, Mexico, the Mediterranean, and the Middle East. And don't forget Jodie's barbecue on Masonic Avenue.

NIGHT LIFE: And there's a night life in Albany now. Adults can take in a movie at the Albany Cinema, where "Bread and Tulips" is playing to rave reviews. The Mallard is a popular watering hole for young adults, offering generous drinks served by bartenders who would be teaching at the university in any other town. In fact, San Pablo Avenue is rapidly becoming a night spot, with several clubs offering live entertainment ranging from rockabilly to jazz.

HOLIDAY PLANS: This season, we hope every business in town will display white lights during the holidays. Imagine all of Solano and San Pablo glistening until late at night! At an informal meeting held at the Chamber Nov. 5, we launched a holiday campaign that, among other things, aims to encourage shops to stay open until 8 p.m. every Thursday throughout the holidays. Grade school children will decorate the windows of interested businesses on both Solano and San Pablo avenues, adding to the holiday spirit. (For details, call the Chamber at 510-525-1771.)

MIX IT UP: You won't want to miss the next chamber mixer at California Bank and Trust (1451 Solano Ave.), beginning at 5:30 p.m., Nov. 15. Amelia Chellev knows how to throw a party. Come and see for yourself (and be sure to RSVP by Nov. 14) ...

AUTUMN: Yes, autumn has arrived. Do you remember the thrill of being a youngster at this time of year? Let's make certain that when our children are adults, they can look back and recall how lucky they were to grow up in Albany ...

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# East Bay firefighters deliver check to N.Y. brethren

**They have raised \$56,000 for the widows and children of firemen who died in the World Trade Center disaster**

By Tom Lochner  
STAFF WRITER

Richmond firefighter Rod Woods and his wife, Maria, were in the New York area in September for the 25-year reunion of Maria's class at Amityville High School on Long Island.

There, they met Maria's classmate, Ed Fulford, a New York City firefighter. Woods and Fulford be-

came fast friends. Woods hoped to ride with Fulford on fire calls before returning to the Bay Area on Sept. 12.

But then came the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. Woods and his wife rented a car Sept. 13 to drive back to California. And Woods didn't get the chance to ride with Fulford.

On Sunday, Woods was back in New York, accompanied by four other East Bay firefighters, to belatedly take Fulford up on his invitation — and to deliver a check for \$56,000 to the widows and children of New York City firefighters who died at the World Trade Center.

"I gave him a big hug and a big kiss," said Fulford, a firefighter with Engine Company 332, Ladder Truck 175 out of the Bradford Street Station in Brooklyn, where the visitors are staying. "That's the brotherhood of firefighters, throughout the world."

The delegation to Engine 332 included five East Bay firefighters: Woods, Jim Ratelle and Mark Lucero of the Richmond Fire Department; Mike Cassidy of the El Cerrito Fire Department; and Jim De Roque of the Albany Fire Department. They were joined by retired Stanislaus County firefighter Hank Moore.

They began raising the money

a few days after the attack by asking other firefighters to chip in \$100 each. They sold window stickers and \$20 T-shirts with the words "FDNY in Memory."

They collected money in front of department stores and at pancake breakfasts. Mechanics Bank pledged \$10,000, Woods said.

They have raised more than \$65,000 to date, Woods said. Some of the checks still need to be cleared, and the bank's contribution will come in increments — that's why the firefighters delivered a check for \$56,000, with the rest to come later.

They will present the check and some plaques as part of a

ceremony today at the Bradford Street station. Afterward, they will attend two memorial services at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan and visit ground zero. On Sunday, they went on fire calls with their Brooklyn colleagues. They leave Tuesday.

"It's a wonderful experience for us, and it's kind of a relief for them," said Woods. "We're riding along on the calls with them, and we're sharing their grief."

No firefighters assigned to the Bradford Street station died at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. But among the dead were eight firefighters who had been assigned to Bradford Street at

some time during the 16 years the station has existed, Fulford said.

The show of solidarity at the Bradford Street station is being replicated all over the city.

"Guys have been coming to different firehouses from all over the country, all over the world," Fulford said. Last week, Engine 332 hosted a captain from the London fire brigade.

Contributions can be sent to Uniformed Firefighters Association Widows and Children's Fund; 204 E. 23 St.; New York, NY 10010; or Firefighters Relief Fund; 330 25th St.; Richmond, CA 94804.

## These kids have a crafty way to help victims of Sept. 11

By J.R. Deaton  
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — You're never too young to help. Kids in the city's four after-school child care centers are hard at work making

bracelets, bracelets, flag pins and other red-white-and-blue fun things to raise money for victims of Sept. 11's terrorist attacks.

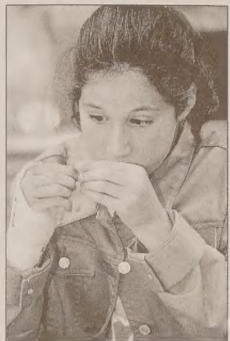
The children's efforts have raised \$1,008 so far, said Cori Diaz, youth services supervisor in the city's recreation department.

The patriotic items, made by kids in kindergarten through sixth grade, have been sold around the city and are available at the community center on Moser Lane. The suggested purchase donation is \$3, but any amount is accepted, Diaz said.

The goal is to raise at least \$1,500 and donate it to a fund where 100 percent of the money goes to the Sept. 11 victims and their families, Diaz said.

About 50 kids have been working on the fund-raising project since the week after the terrorist attacks.

"I thought it would be a really great opportunity to teach the



JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

**HARDING ELEMENTARY** student Kira Mack, 11, puts together a red, white and blue beaded American flag pin Nov. 1 at the Harding Childcare Center.

children how to be empathetic for one another and for others that you don't know," Diaz said. "I think children don't have that opportunity today — to have out-

lets for that."

Some of the children have wanted to skip snack time so they could keep working on their items. Others came straight from school to child-care and spent the entire time making more things to sell.

On Nov. 1, the Harding Park Clubhouse was a noisy beehive of activity with kids working on flag pins for the project.

Kaitlyn Sandel, a Harding School fourth-grader, said she had made 40 to 50 bracelets over the past weeks. "I think it's really fun to make bracelets and to help people — to raise money for the people that got hurt. We were thinking of raising money for the New York victims so they could buy the stuff that they lost and get food."

Kaitlyn, who's 9, said the threat of terrorist attack just "kind of bugs me," but added that she's not really scared.

Kaitlyn's mother, Marguerite Meade, said the fund-raising project has helped the kids cope with the Sept. 11 events. "She hears us talking about what happened and I have to work in San Francisco. I think it takes the



JOANNA JHANDASTAFF

LUCY GIVENS, 6, left, and Kewa Jiang, 7, right, carefully bead flag pins.

edge off."

Meade said her daughter "loves doing this. Every time I come I can't get her out of here; she's always making those things."

"I think it's very positive for them because all they see and hear is a bunch of people got killed," Meade added. "They feel that something good comes out of it — that people want to help other people."

Diaz said the project will probably continue until "there is no more interest" or until they run out of craft supplies. The first goal was to raise \$500, but when that was reached, the goal became \$1,000 and is now \$1,500.

One parent brought some of the items to a friend at work who took them on to ground zero in New York.

"That was an exciting thing," Diaz said. As for local interest, it

doesn't seem to be waning as far as the kids are concerned.

"I like to do arts and crafts," said Angelique Valera, 9, a fourth-grader.

And as 11-year-old Kira Mack, a Harding School sixth-grader, said, "We just want to help with what happened in New York."

### BRIEF

#### Middle East subject of author's talk

EL CERRITO — Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd., will present Rosemary Radford Ruether, Carpenter Foundation professor of feminist theology, at UC Berkeley's Graduate Theological Union, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 11.

Ruether, the author of many books and journal articles will speak about better understanding the Middle East.

The church is at 7075 Cutting Blvd. Admission is free. Call 510-234-0110 for details.

#### Mozart and 'Mozart of the North'

ALBANY — Hausmusik will present "Mozart and 'Mozart of the North'", early classical quartets by Mozart, Johann Fuchs and Bernhard Crusell (the "Mozart of the North") for historical clarinets and strings at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Featured performers are David Barnett, historical clarinets and basset horn; Kate Button, violin; Meg Eldridge, viola; and Farley Pierce, cello.

The concert will be in the sanctuary of St. Alban's Episco-

pal Church, 1501 Washington St. in Albany. This venue is wheelchair accessible. Tickets are \$18 (general) and \$15 (students, seniors, SEEMS members) and include refreshments. Advance reservations are recommended. Details: 510-527-9029.

#### Poetry writing workshop

ALBANY — Aspiring poets are invited to come to Second Wednesdays, a monthly Poetry

Writing Workshop at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. November's workshop, led by Alison Seevak, is Nov. 14, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Edith Stone Room. This event is free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext 19

#### Youth basketball registration

EL CERRITO — The city is

continuing to register kids for both fourth/fifth grade and sixth/eighth grade boys and girls basketball league. The season will run from Nov. 13 through mid February, with games on Saturdays starting the second week of December.

The league is open to both individuals and recreational youth teams.

For more information contact Samantha Kelman at 510-215-4376.

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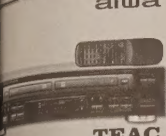
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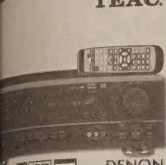
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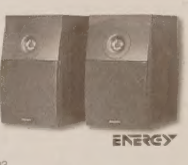
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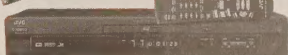
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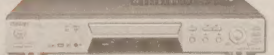
  
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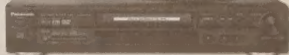
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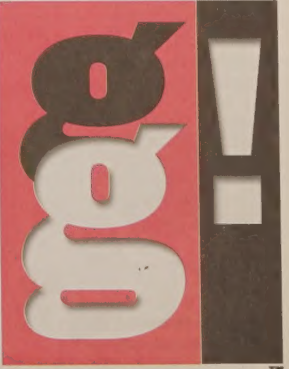


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# Opinion

## EDITORIALS

### Voters have clout even in low-key elections

The ballots in each city were as short as possible, the campaigns were as low-key as any in recent memory and the resulting turnout at the polls was light. But even lacking any "hot button" issues as motivation, voters had the power to make or break political careers in Tuesday's elections in Albany and El Cerrito.

Voters in Albany, in fact, eliminated one political career altogether by passing Measure C, which ends the city's practice of some 70 years of electing the city's police chief. Under current police Chief Larry Murdo the post has been the most high-profile political position in the city. Change does not come simply in tradition-minded Albany, which had rejected four similar measures over the past 50 years, and change won't be immediate if the council follows through and names Murdo to the post, as Measure C backers indicated was likely.

Murdo has rightly been popular with voters, but good politics and good police work are not always the same thing and voters (or at least the 20.5 percent of registered Albany voters who cast ballots) decided to take the position out of the political arena.

If Murdo is indeed appointed, it will be interesting to see how he performs under the new system.

In El Cerrito voting, meanwhile, voters came close to having nothing to vote on at all, as there were initially only three entries for three open seats until newcomer Tony Wise announced his bid.

While turnout was a decided minority of registered El Cerrito voters at 33.6 percent, that was still far better than the county average (26.5 percent), and commendable considering the low profile of the campaign and the lack of any truly contentious issues.

With the city now on solid financial footing and seeing the kind of economic growth for which it has been so starved for years, voters reaffirmed two incumbents, Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman, and boosted the burgeoning political career of Letitia Moore, successful in her second bid for a seat.

Wise, though unsuccessful, deserves commendation for ensuring that voters had a choice and bringing the election the perspective of someone outside established local politics. His may be the newest political career on the local scene, as he has indicated he will run again.

### Ballot grows smaller

HERE'S SOME WELCOME political news for weary Californians: There will be only a handful of propositions on the March 5 statewide primary ballot. That is a stark difference from recent years, during which a variety of special-interest groups managed to thoroughly baffle voters by loading the ballot with confusing and sometimes conflicting measures.

This time there will be one citizens' initiative petition, a proposal that would allow legislators to extend their terms under particular circumstances. The Legislature meanwhile placed five measures before the voters. Two are bond measures, for parks and voting systems; one would dedicate the gasoline sales tax to transportation; another has to do with voting reform; and one has to do with regulation of chiropractors.

Political observers say the smaller number of ballot measures arises from a confluence of factors. The economy is faltering, we have been through an energy crisis and still struggle with a terrorism crisis; and the public fiscal mood is conservative, which would discourage special-interest groups from asking voters for more money.

Some credit the Legislature for legislating effectively. When our representatives do so, the citizens don't have to go over their heads by taking to the streets to gather signatures.

Political historians add that the initiative process is cyclical. A dozen or more citizen initiatives cluttered the ballot in 1988 and 1990; the number dwindled during the recession years of 1992 and 1994, then climbed again in 1996.

Some are protesting that the number of citizen initiatives is down because it has become too hard to gather signatures. We have little sympathy for that argument. It should be difficult to get initiatives on the ballot. The tougher, the better; that way only measures with true public support will go before voters.

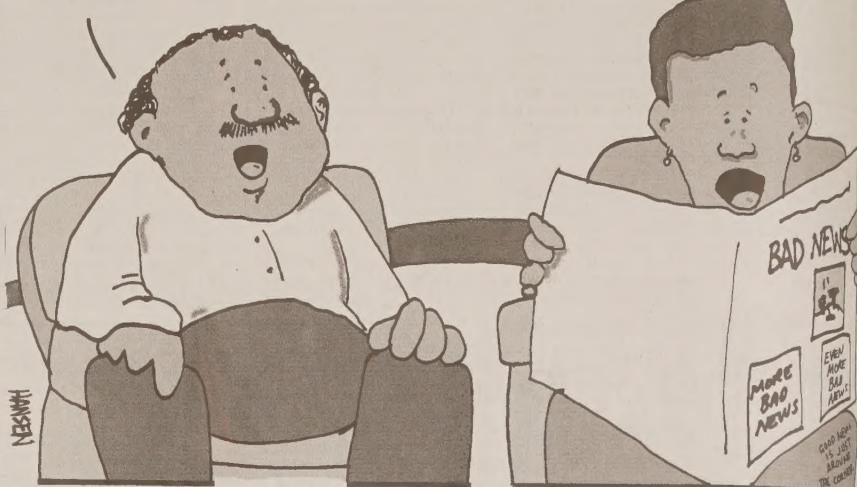
In any event, a smaller ballot will be a welcome sight in March. We hope it lasts a while, but indications are that the number of ballot initiatives will rocket back up to roughly 20 for the November 2002 general election. "I don't think you can say this is a long-term thing," says Secretary of State Bill Jones.

Enjoy the lull while you can.

## THANK A VETERAN THIS WEEK

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Good park news

Earlier this year, El Cerrito residents and the City Council debated the role of trees on public lands in El Cerrito's parks and streets.

Good news! The City Council reaffirmed a commitment to remove trees only after a park development and tree planting plan was implemented. It is imminently dangerous trees that should be removed promptly.

Dan Clark, El Cerrito's new city engineer, is preparing a request for proposal to develop plans for all 10 El Cerrito parks, the Greenway and the Hillside Natural Area.

More good news. There may be sufficient money this year to spend on park and tree maintenance, planning and development. Residents can be involved in all phases of parks development.

Friends of Baxter Creek continues its creek restoration and adjacent park development. A new group, Friends of El Cerrito Trees, formed to nurture and develop El Cerrito public trees; call Ann Thrupp at 510-965-1110 for more information.

It meets regularly and invites residents' participation. One can also attend monthly meetings of the Park and Recreation Commission, which usually meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Council Chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane, next to the pool. It's best to call City Hall to check on a definite time and location.

Rosemary Loubal  
El Cerrito

Rosemary Loubal is a member of El Cerrito Park and Recreation Commission.

### Hope for healing

I offer my condolences, empathy and hope for a speedy healing process to those who suffer as a result of the Sept. 11 attack.

After the rubble and bodies have been removed from the devastated area in New York, I would not like to see the rebuilding of the Twin Towers or some version of it.

I would like to see a peaceful grassed park, a place for adults and children to walk and play; a place of quiet remembrances where once a tall, majestic building stood.

Let the sunlight shine down; let birds fly to the trees; and let mothers wheel their carriages and enjoy the freedom that only open space can bless.

Morris Brown  
El Cerrito

### Supports Feinstein

California students should support Sen. Feinstein's proposal to end student visas for six months. After all, a famous university such as Cal could be a possible target for terrorists.

It's surprising that student protesters haven't considered that likelihood. Don't universities teach critical thinking any more?

Feinstein is responding appropriately to a very real threat. The ease of entry for any foreigners calling themselves students is an open door for terrorists. A temporary moratorium is necessary to set up a database that can keep track of foreign students in the United States. To continue today's open borders is to invite further terrorist devastation.

Accusations from student activists that the proposed bill is racist are really pathetic. Such boilerplate jargon is actually damaging to racial equality because it diminishes real instances of racism. Furthermore, their remarks make the students appear callously self-absorbed and unconcerned about an enormous loss of life.

Brenda Walker  
Berkeley

### Bush-style fight

This conflict is evidently being fought in the Bush family's signature style: against an enemy largely of the original Reagan-Bush administration's own making, at a slogging pace that lets the enemy protect its assets and with lapses that spare the top bad guys.

In the Oct. 22 New Yorker magazine, Seymour Hersh reports that on the first night of bombing, an unmanned U.S. anti-aircraft aircraft had the Taliban's leader, Mullah Omar, in its sights. But the head of the U.S. Central Command refused to authorize firing, and Omar got away. The secretary of defense has declined to dispute this account.

For days it was reported that the United States was holding off bombing the Taliban troops facing the Northern Alliance, apparently out of concern these rebels might seize some ground. One article described Taliban fighters driving each day from the capital to the front lines, because they felt safer there.

I prefer preventing wars to fighting them. (Which is why I opposed the original U.S. meddling in Afghanistan in the 1980s, which created the Taliban.) But if fight we must, can't we at least fight competently and decisively, to seize a rapid victory and minimize casualties on both sides?

Michael Katz  
Berkeley

### Foolish restrictions

I am appalled by the knee-jerk reactions by our public transportation entities, in the name of security, which we are witnessing every day in the wake of Sept. 11.

These latest, locking the bathrooms and removing the trash containers at the BART stations, are surely the most ridiculous. How, pray tell, will these actions protect us from terrorists? All they will create are irate and anxious passengers and probably very messy stations.

I hope BART will reconsider (as the airlines did regarding curbside check-in of luggage) and reverse these totally fool-

ish restrictions on our comfort as BART riders.

Ann Middleton  
Albany

### Laying blame

Soon after the Sept. 11 attack, Associated Press reported that Pat Robertson attributes the terrorist attacks to our having insulted God and, so, lost divine protection.

For his part, Jerry Falwell blames feminists, abortionists and homosexuals. Evidently the Taliban has at least two followers in the United States.

Mike Bloxham  
Kensington

### Informative section

Thank you for all the good information presented in your special section on the anniversary of the Hills Firestorm. In the 10 years since the fire, a great deal of progress has been made in professional training, inter-agency coordination and vegetation management.

Each of the East Bay communities along the wildland-urban interface has initiated programs and taken measures to ensure an increased level of preparedness and response. I would not say that any one community is more or less prepared than any other.

Truly successful efforts develop from partnerships among jurisdictions, agencies, businesses, community groups, and individuals. Some of these partnerships are mentioned in your special section.

For more information, I recommend the Web sites for the California Fire Safe Council at [www.firesafecouncil.org](http://www.firesafecouncil.org) and the Hills Emergency Forum at [www.bl.gov/ehs/hills/main.htm](http://www.bl.gov/ehs/hills/main.htm).

People should also contact their local fire department for information on fire safety and preparedness training.

Pat Catel  
El Cerrito

Catel is the Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams program coordinator with the El Cerrito-Kensington Fire Department.

### We love fear

Anthrax is a non-issue. Fewer than 10 Americans have died from it and all indications show that fewer than 100 will die from anthrax this year.

Why are we so afraid of something that will never affect us? It's because we love to be afraid. The newspapers and TV always try to scare us and we love it.

To put this issue into perspective: About 2.4 million Americans die each year (some 45,000 each week). Last week the score was, anthrax 0, all other deaths, 45,000.

We are living longer than ever before, an average of 75 years. Why do we love to be afraid?

Ella Jensen  
El Cerrito

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787







# Want to buy a boat? Check out this sale at the marina

If you are looking for a small sail or motorboat at a good price — perhaps an exceptionally good price — you should check out the auction that will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 17 at the Berkeley Marina.

A surprising number of people either just walk away from their boats in marinas or let their dock fees lapse for a couple of months. When either of these things happen, the boats are put up for an auction called a "lien sale." These auctions are held four times a year and conducted by the City of Berkeley Finance Department or its representative, currently the Marina Lien Sale Service of Antioch.

Seven sailboats, one motorboat and a boat trailer will go on the block. These craft may be viewed from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 16 and before the actual sale from 9 to 10:45 a.m. All bidders must register at the marina office at 201 University Ave. beforehand.

The auction will be held in the K-Dock area behind the bait shop. There is a minimum bid of \$150. An Alameda County assessor will be on deck to collect a fee — usually quite small — when a sale is made. An original owner who pays the back dock fees within 10 days after a lien sale can get the boat back.

I talked with Ann Hardinger, who is the harbor master and marina supervisor, and Dave Shelley, an assistant harbor master, about the auction, and they gave me the following information:



DAVE GREEN  
Man About Town

The trailer is 22 feet long and in dry storage nearby, as is a 27-foot, 1969 Abbot sailboat.

Two sailboats — a 34-foot, 1974 Seafarer and a 22-foot, 1981 Catalina — are at the K-900 Dock in the Southeast corner of the marina, where they can be viewed from the old ferry pier and the surrounding land. (Binoculars help.) Other craft here will probably go to a later auction. People looking for bargain boats should keep an eye on this "impound dock."

The remaining sailboats at other docks are a 22-foot, 1971 Santana; a 19-foot, 1961 O'Day; a 25-foot, 1974 American; and a 26-foot, 1966 Island Excavator. The one motorboat is a 35-foot Kneass launched in 1929! It needs work, but many old pleasure boats have been bought and rebuilt for commercial fishing. I saw one having about eight or 10 feet of stern added to it.

You can get a sale listing of these craft with information about rules of the auction at the harbor master's office. (Call 510-644-6376 and use ext. 221 to duck the voice mail.) There are a number of very attractive sailing boats in this auction. I have never attended one before, but will swing by

this one. Maybe I'll see you there, Matey.

**SOLONS' HAT DANCE:** Our elected representatives seem to have an infinite capacity for passing laws nobody needs. The most recent example of this was a bill (SB310) by state Sen. Don Perata, D-Oakland, which will allow students to wear hats outside on campus to protect them from the sun. Some school districts have dress codes prohibiting the wearing of various head coverings including hats, hair nets, scarves, and hoods.

Those backing the bill made the case that the visor of a cap would protect a student from the ultraviolet rays of the sun which cause skin cancer. This is true, and having been treated for skin cancers for years, I can testify it is a serious matter. I've had one cut out of my face and another out of my chest. A friend of mine lost part of her nose to a skin cancer.

But apparently neither Perata nor the backers of the bill have looked at schoolboys in recent times or they would have noticed that almost without exception they are wearing their hats backwards. That may do something for protecting the back of the neck, although hair and clothing usually do that. I never knew anybody who had skin cancer in this area.

If our solons had been serious about preventing skin cancer, they should have written the law to require kids to wear their caps with the visors forward. Not only would that cut down on skin cancers, it would

help correct the impression that young males today are mentally deficient.

Outlawing pants so big they drag on the ground and tend to fall off would also improve the image of modern youths. And it would help prevent cancers in the exposed skin barely north of their south ends. Just kidding. We all know laws can't change fashions unless some gang like the Taliban is in charge.

The only opposition to the Perata bill came from the Association of California School Administrators. Their lobbyist posed the oddly sensible question, "Is this bill really needed?" He opined that, "We could just put out a policy position to our members and encourage them to be flexible in their clothing regulations to account for sun exposure. The Bill is just an unnecessary addition to an already thick education code."

"Flexible" is the approach being taken to hats at Albany High School. Assistant principal Randy Booker told me students could wear hats outside on campus as long as they did not have any "inappropriate sayings or pictures" on them or were not gang-related. Hats in red and blue are out as these are the gang colors of the "Bloods" and the "Crips." Any kind of gang insignia is also prohibited as are colored bandannas — known as "rags" — worn around the head gang-style.

Booker says that sometimes a student will wear headgear

associated with gangs without knowing it, but this still puts them at risk. Kids have been murdered for wearing what some juvenile gangster considered the wrong color.

In classrooms the individual teachers decide whether or not to allow students to wear their caps. This has been a problem in some schools, but Booker says it isn't at AHS. Once in college I forgot to take off my hat — a grown-up one as I was playing grown-up — in a class taught by a distinguished history professor. This scholar paused in his lecture to tell me to take my hat off. He was right, and I did. Only barbarians wear hats indoors.

**SHORT SKIRT FOLLIES:** The efforts of school authorities to enforce dress codes often lead to strange and sometimes humorous situations. The advent of the mini-skirt some years ago deeply alarmed the principal of the high school in which I was teaching. He tried to prohibit the shorties on campus, but there was a great deal of opposition from the student bodies and little support from the faculty.

All kids being lawyers, they raised the issue of how short a skirt had to be to qualify as a mini-skirt and so fall under this ukase. In an effort to avoid the subjective nature of this call, the principal decided upon a certain number of inches the hem of the dress had to be from the knee.

But that created other problems. How could one be sure of the exact measurement with-

out, well, actually measuring it? And who was to do the measuring? None of the teachers or counselors would touch this one with a 20-foot tape, and the principal decided it was beneath his dignity to do the job.

That left the vice principal. He wasn't the brightest bulb on campus, but he perceived what a figure of fun he would be prowling about with a tape measure and applying it to the skirts and knees of giggling little nifties.

And so the campaign against mini-skirts was an overall failure although the principal continued to wage guerrilla warfare against students whose dresses offended him. He just eyeballed them and sent the girls home. But this low-tech approach wasn't very accurate as he sent one of my modest students home for a dress that came very close to her knees. Finally even this determined educator gave up as parental protests mounted.

I was sorry the principal lost this one because those short skirts were a problem for male classroom teachers. When the young ladies wearing them sat in the front row, the teacher had to keep his eyes above desk level at all times or run the risk of getting an unsavory reputation.

I soon tired of eternal vigilance and made a rule only boys could sit up front. I took the noisy ones from the back of the room, to which they always gravitated, and so achieved two objectives at once. There's tricks to every trade.

## EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

### Adams Middle School

Nov. 12, NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day  
Nov. 13 - Report cards issued to students  
Nov. 14, 15, 16 - Moon Walk Production, 7 p.m. in the theater/bandroom. Original production by the VAPA and SH Academics.

Nov. 16 - PTA Honor Roll Breakfast, third period.

PTA Membership is \$7. Send your payment of \$7 per member and include the member's name, address, phone number and student's name. Mail to Adams PTA, 5000 Patterson Circle, Richmond, CA 94805. Each PTA member will receive an invitation to the Dec. 14 PTA evening event. The cooking class, art class and academics will be providing refreshments, decorations and entertainment for the event.  
PTA e-mail: Receive weekly bulletins - send your email address to Connie Chan Kuera at cchan2429@aol.com to join the group.

### Castro Elementary

Fund-raisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID#137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolPop fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 510-236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

### El Cerrito High

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New scrip sales: El Cerrito High School PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip program. Our group ID is 5221087. Keep informed: Join the ECHS mail forum. To sign up, e-mail Joann Steck-Bayat at jsbayat@home.com

### Portola Middle School

Teen Center - Monday through Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Fee: \$6 drop-in or \$50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 510-215-4370 for more information.

E-mail forum - school information and meeting notices direct to your e-mail box. Send your e-mail address and request to be on the mail list to Kathy Travlos travlos@dnai.com.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 510-237-6183 or e-mail: takimoto@yahoo.com

## ALBANY PTA NEWS

### By Kay Weinstein

#### Albany PTA Council

Nov. 19 — Regular meeting, 7:30 P.M., AMS Library

#### Albany High School

Interested parents may receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Molly Mitchell at mmm1123@aol.com

Tonight and Nov. 16 (Fridays), Fall Theater Ensemble, "Macbeth," 8 p.m., AHS Little Theater

Nov. 10 and 17 (Saturdays), Nov. 11 and 18 (Sundays), tickets \$7 (adults), \$5 (students and seniors), e-mail reservations to theaterensemble@hotmail.com

Nov. 19, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Prin. Conf. Room (rescheduled from Veterans' Day)

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**REMINDER:** Save and turn in General Mills boxtops for education to office.

#### Cornell Elementary School

Nov. 21, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

**SCRIP Orders:** Call Mark Privin 510-528-2082 or e-mail Mark at privwest@pacbell.net

#### Marin Elementary School

Interested parents may receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Tree Stuber at marintree@aol.com

Nov. 15, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Staff Room

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#### Ocean View

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### AUSD Board

Nov. 13, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Nov. 14, Special Study Session: Effective Meeting Issues and Procedures, 7-9 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

### AUSD Calendar

Nov. 12, Veterans Day, NO SCHOOL  
Nov. 22 and 23, Thanksgiving Holidays, NO SCHOOL

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lard said she'll present a police chief recruitment plan to the council around March. The hiring process should take about six months, she said.  
The outcome casts uncertainty on the future of chief Larry Murdo, who has held the post for 15 years, getting re-elected four times. His term ends in November 2002.  
It was Murdo's announcement in spring that he planned to retire and not seek re-election that spurred the move to change the charter.  
The news was seen as a good opportunity to ask voters to change the charter, since it wouldn't be viewed as a personal commentary on Murdo.  
But in summer Murdo changed his mind, citing a retirement portfolio that wasn't as plump as he'd like. In recent weeks, he's said he'll ask to be appointed for at least a year if Measure C passed.  
His appointment, however, is not guaranteed.  
Rumors have circulated for months about how much time Murdo actually spends in Albany. He has a residence here, but also lives part-time in Paradise, and travels a great deal, including teaching law enforcement courses around the state.  
Some residents, city staff and council members are concerned Murdo's not around town enough to be an effective chief.  
Murdo counters that he promptly returns phone calls, knows of no complaints from within the police department, and is committed to his job. He also says he's banked lots of vacation time through the years, and uses it for much of his teaching.  
All of this may be true, but it might not be enough to get Murdo back in the saddle, council members say.  
"I wouldn't feel comfortable appointing a police chief who isn't going to there full time," DiPrisco said.  
Council member Jewel Okawachi agrees. "I like Larry. Larry's been a good chief," she said. "But I think it's really important that he be here. Maybe it's time for a change."

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# Audie Bock goes after Lee's seat

By B. Roscoe  
STAFF WRITER

Former state Assemblywoman Audie Bock pulls no punches when it comes to why she's challenging U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee.

"What Congresswoman Lee did and said on Sept. 14, and the transformation she has gone through since then, reflect poor representation that is inadequate for the majority of people in the 9th District," Bock said in a recent interview. Lee voted against granting President Bush the authority to use military force against the Sept. 11 terrorists. The district includes Albany.

"I think what Congresswoman Lee did, by casting her vote as she did, was a very clear indication that she believed that our government is at fault — or potentially at fault — by taking any action to respond," said Bock.

"That's ridiculous — that's an absurd thing to say," Lee Halterman, Lee's campaign chairman, said in response. Halterman explained Lee's motivation for the vote by saying that Congress is obligated to know the detailed implications of going to war, and that there was not enough information to vote differently on Sept. 14.

Asked about her campaign strategy, Bock spoke extensively on her objections to Lee's vote. Also, she explained why she reversed her original support for Lee in the first few days after the vote. Bock said the action was described in reports she heard on the radio, as being that "Barbara Lee was the only vote against a 'blank check' to go to war."

"So from the very beginning, there was a spin put on it to our local media here in the Bay Area, to defend what she had done as something that asserted the Congressional obligation to be the branch of government that declares war. And that, from the very beginning, was a misinterpretation," said Bock.

Though Bock admitted it seemed very premature to be declaring war just three days after Sept. 11, she took a closer look at what Lee had actually voted for. "And when I read the text of the resolution I said, 'Ya know, I don't see what Barbara Lee objected to in this.'"

Bock feels it was not a "carte blanche" authorization to go to war. "She voted against a resolution that was very specific, in that it referred only to the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attack

That's in the language of the resolution. It's not a blank check. It's not an unspecified enemy. It's very clear. Only those people who planned, carried out or who harbored those who did those attacks," said Bock, are those who would be the intended target of military force.

In addition, Bock said Democratic leadership in Congress has made it known since the Sept. 14 vote that in the process of drafting the resolution, both Democratic and Republican leadership addressed objections to earlier drafts of the resolution. "So if something ... wasn't acceptable to Congresswoman Lee, she had the opportunity to say so and ask for amendments to it. Apparently she did not do that." Halterman's response was unqualified. "Either Ms. Bock doesn't know what she's talking about or she's lying," He added, "Only Barbara can answer those questions."

According to Bock, in a conversation with Lee in the week following the Sept. 14 vote, Bock asked her, "Barbara, when are you going to come back and talk to people in your district so that they can ask you questions?" Lee couldn't leave Washington, D.C. at that time, Bock said, but she asked Bock to have a campaign staff member speak at the next Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club meeting. Bock is a member of the club and serves as a co-chair of its criminal justice committee.

Bock arranged to have Halterman, whom she has known for quite a while, speak at the meeting on Sept. 20. Halterman gave a background talk. "It was very, very helpful to get that background, but it didn't answer the questions that we would have had for Barbara. Only Barbara can answer those questions."

Some of the questions Bock has for Lee are: "How many people have to die on U.S. soil? How many buildings have to fall? How much economic damage does the U.S. have to suffer before it is all right to take action to stop it?"

The MGO passed a resolution at its Sept. 20 meeting, which Bock said she cannot support, stating, "The Metropolitan Greater Oakland Democratic Club salutes Congresswoman Barbara Lee for her courageous stand on (Sept. 14) and her opposition to granting unfettered discretion to President Bush to embark on an open-ended war

against an unspecified enemy."

Asked what else her campaign is about, Bock answered, "I think that her (Lee's) actions, and her words about her actions, have thrown open her record for examination by the people that she represents. And that's what will develop as the campaign goes on. I really think this action of hers is inexcusable and is grounds for removing her from office. And I think the majority of people in this district agree."

Halterman said Bock is running a very McCarthy-like campaign in that she's challenging the Rep. Lee's patriotism instead of her politics. He said Bock's take on Lee's actions demonstrate "less than a sophomoric understanding."

## Bock's agenda

Bock also intends to pursue the agenda she began as a Green Party member in the Assembly in 1999, including affordable housing, transportation issues and health care. True to her word about examining Lee's record, Bock has taken a second look at Lee's efforts regarding health care. She discussed Lee's work regarding securing federal funding for AIDS treatment in Africa and mentioned her support of such work. "However," said Bock, "I don't think that kind of work should be carried on to the neglect of work representing the 9th District here at home and the U.S. interest."

Bock went on to say, "And there is a question in my mind about somebody who travels as much as she does to South Africa and to Cuba: What is the district getting as a result of these efforts to help those countries?"

Bock's own health-care priorities are related to recent issues that have developed in Alameda County. Patients are losing coverage, she explained, because their health care plans will no longer accept Medicare patients. "It really needs to be addressed, both at the state and federal level," said Bock.

## Back to Democratic Party

Bock was elected to the State Assembly in March of 1999 as a Green Party candidate. "I actually enjoyed being a caucus of one," said Bock about being a Green. "It was a very interesting experience. But in terms of getting things done, it's much more likely to happen faster if you're

working within a party that has the infrastructure in place."

For her unsuccessful reelection campaign in 2000, Bock ran as an independent. Since leaving the legislature, Bock has become a Democrat activist and serves on the boards of several political and civic democratic organizations.

What kind of backing can she expect from the Democratic Party for this run? Bock said that's difficult to answer, because she's running against what she calls the "Deilums-Lee political organization" that's been in place for 32 years and which, Bock said, is "a very, very comfortable structure for people here."

Bock was referring to former Congressman Ron Dellums, who vacated his seat in 1998 before his term was up and created the need for a special election. As Bock put it, "Ron Dellums' resignation in the middle of his term so that his hand-picked successor could run in an easy election aroused a lot of resentment."

Bock equates her present candidacy as similar to that of being a Green Party candidate in 1999, because she's "challenging an establishment structure." "People change parties," she said. "It happens a lot. In my case a lot more attention was given to it, because I was the only Green that ever got elected to state-level office."

By contrast, "There's just a much greater opportunity to get a broad base of support" with the Democratic Party, said Bock. "This campaign's objective (rather than gathering the standard list of endorsements from elected officials) is to give a voice, and to encourage to vote, those people who have not been represented, because they are the majority."

Bock said her campaign is "in the formative stages now," adding "I really didn't imagine I would ever feel the need to run for Congress."

## Tactics questioned

One of the main reasons Bock split with the Green Party was because she accepted campaign contributions from corporations, a policy the party is decidedly against. Bock, who makes environmental issues one of her main concerns, accepted contributions from oil refiners Chevron and Tosco during her tenure as a Green Party member.

Asked if she sees a conflict be-



tween working for the environment and taking money from oil companies, Bock quickly answered no. "There was a real misconception on the part of the local Greens, who had not worked at state level before ... (They got very, very upset that I was talking to lobbyists."

According to Bock, other Green Party members didn't understand that lobbyists bring you the issues that you're voting on. If you don't talk to lobbyists, she said, you have no idea what arguments affect the issues you're voting on. "That's what legislation is about," said Bock. "It's a very important part of the process of getting yourself informed to talk to lobbyists." Also, "It's how everybody raises money," she explained.

And what about her image as a politician? During state budget deliberations, which Bock had been forewarned are lengthy and contentious, Bock appeared on the floor in her pajamas with a teddy bear and a pillow. It was close to

3 a.m. and the two-day city — required to open budget — still had not reached. (Assemblywoman Wilma Chan used to be unseating Bock in the election.)

"This (was) my moment of the budget deliberations said. 'It was just pouring whole process, because I know what it's really like. How much pork is there party going to get out of get deliberations?' Bock. 'As a caucus of one, I didn't have any influence on the wasn't getting it.'"

For the immediate Bock continues to raise of Lee's vote as the motivation for running for gressional seat. "Lee's recasting what she's spinning it, so it's not the 'fists' viewpoint. And all very, very troubling at a time like this. I think it's something that to go away," said Bock. "Neither is she."

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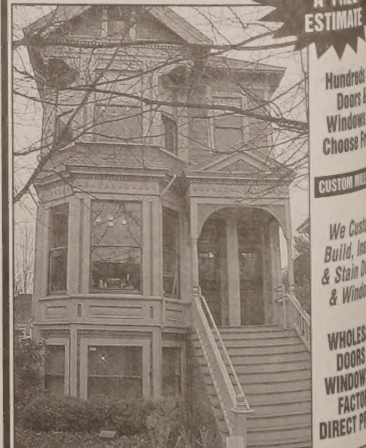
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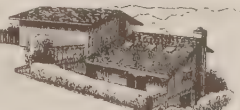
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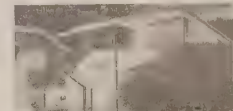
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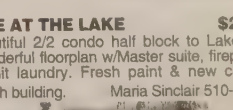
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# Piedmont Craftsman-style home complete with that modern touch

BY GAIL LOMBARDI  
CORRESPONDENT

The history of the Craftsman house at 16 Highland Ave. in Piedmont is closely tied to that of its neighbor and near-twin at 12 Highland Ave. When John and Luther Bliss took out their building permit in 1910 to build their \$4,500 house, they were just one month ahead of friend and future neighbor, Edwin Gorie, who would build at 12 Highland.

Neighborhood folklore says that Bliss and Gorie were Scottish shipbuilders, but by 1910 both men were in the fuel and feed business. In 1930, when Gorie was working for an appliance company, he would tell his friend and co-worker, Mark Eudey, about the house at 16 Highland then on the market. Eudey bought it and lived here for 10 years.

## The Craftsman-style home

Their homes share many similarities, reflecting their friendship and a shared design. They chose to build their homes in the Craftsman style just becoming popular. The Craftsman style began as early as the 1890s but was quite popular by 1905.

As a reaction to the very elaborate woodwork of the Victorian Queen Anne style, the Craftsman house embraced the natural qualities of wood. Exteriors were redwood shingles, left unpainted to weather naturally.

Exposed beams became a decorative element under the eaves.

Porch columns were solid, often in pairs, and the coarse texture of knicker brick chimneys added another natural element. Inside, more wood formed the house's decorative elements: boxed beams in the ceiling, wainscoting, built-in bookcases or china cabinets and redwood moldings around the doors.

These elements were stained, not painted, allowing the wood grain to enhance their design.

## The elements of workmanship

Many of these Craftsman elements come together at 16 Highland Avenue with its prominent knicker brick chimney, shingle exterior, large exposed beams at the upper corners of the house, and solid square columns at the porch. The living and dining rooms are large, with light flooding in from the large windows so typical of homes of this age. The box beam ceilings, built-in bookcases in the living room and wainscoting in the dining room are original, and the rich wall colors, chosen by an architectural historian, are authentic to Craftsman design. The wood moldings around the doorways are generous, and the banisters and newel post of the stairway are bold and solid.

## Modern touches

In addition to these Craftsman features, many upgrades make 16 Highland a comfortable home for today. A large family room addition

extends the kitchen/eating area and opens out to a small deck and private backyard with its stately redwood tree. Still keeping the ornamental sash design in the upper panes, the large windows have been replaced with double-paned glass for better insulation. The kitchen was remodeled in the 1970s, and the lattice patio off the dining room is perfect for private outside dining. A half bath is conveniently located off the entry hall. Upstairs, three large bedrooms with generous closets, coved ceilings and generous moldings continue the Craftsman design.

Two of the bedrooms open out to the balcony over the entry, and two still have the original small sinks in the closets - perfect for a quick tooth brushing before bed. The master suite was added in 1979 and includes a bedroom, office alcove, more closet space, and a small study, formerly an open sleeping porch. The master bath was updated in the 1970s, and both bathrooms still have their original footed tubs.

The home at 16 Highland Ave. is offered for \$1,095,000. It will be open this Sunday, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information, please call Mary Hanna of Century 21 Heritage Real Estate at 339-8900 ext. 253.

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The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the **Alameda Association of Realtors**. The next meeting is on Tuesday, Nov. 13, with registration and networking at 8:45 a.m. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. This month's speakers are **Chris Hurd** of North American Title Computer Support and **Gene Gutierrez** of First American Title Computer Support. Timely topic is "Palm Computing and You! Find out how to buy and use a hand-held computer. If you own a personal digital assistant bring it to this meeting. Agents are encouraged to bring their buyer and seller wants and needs. For more information contact **Kristen McMahanat** 510-523-7229.

### Building Education Center

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. Some upcoming classes are "Painting-Tricks of the Trade", from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10 and "Finish Carpentry" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10 and 11. Additionally, "Homeowner's Essential Course" is offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., six consecutive Saturdays, Nov. 10 to Dec. 15. For information on other classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at [bldgeduct.org](http://bldgeduct.org).

### Home Buying The First Time

Attend a free first time homebuyer's seminar. **Michael J. Smith & Associates Real Estate Company** presents ongoing seminars for those interested in learning the ins and outs of homebuying. A variety of topics are covered, including how to buy for no money down. To register for a future seminar call 510-430-8484.

### Relief Fund Reaches Families

The Realtors Housing Relief Fund has distributed nearly two-thirds of the funds contributed for families that lost a breadwinner in the Sept. 11 attacks. The Fund, established by the National Association of Realtors received over \$7 million in donations from individual Realtors, Realtor organizations, real estate companies and the general public. The fund paid out more than \$4 million to pay rents and mortgages for 725 families. Realtors are delivering checks to families within five days after applications are approved. More information is available online at [relief.realtor.com](http://relief.realtor.com).

## NETWORKING LUNCHEON

Attend the Berkeley Association of Realtors monthly, networking luncheon. The next luncheon begins at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 21. The speaker is a Legislative Advocate. The luncheon is held at the BAR Auditorium. Reservations are a must. Contact **Don Clark** at the BAR office for information and reservations at 510-848-4288.

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## COMMERCIAL BROKERS WANTED

**Bob Valva** of **Valva Realty** invites Oakland real estate brokers to attend the Oakland Realtors Commercial & Industrial Brokers Committee. According to Valva the group was appointed years ago, by the Oakland mayor to facilitate city sales and leasing. The committee's purpose is to help build Oakland. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the OAR Auditorium on Webster. If you would like to attend call Valva at 510-451-7317.

## NEW INTERNET PORTAL

Realtors are invited to experience [www.realtor.org](http://www.realtor.org), a new online gateway launched by the National Association of Realtors. It pledges to put the power of the Web at realtors' fingertips. The new site promises to be the premier portal for the real estate community. It features advanced tools and technology and allows for interaction with peers throughout the industry. Realtor.org combines into one information portal and number of existing sites. Check it out.

## LICENSE RENEWAL

Renew your real estate license. Attend and earn all 45 DRE credit hours at once. The seminar includes Agency, Ethics, Trust Funds and Fair Housing. The instructor will be "The Real Estate Guys" talk show host, **Charlie Krackeler**. Seminars are held on weekday mornings, in a variety of BayArea

locations. For more about attending to renew your license call 1-800-544-4444.

## GOT SPEAKER?

**Kathleen Adams** of the American Home Buyers' Education 2002 Program Chapter, Women's Council of Real Estate, Bay Chapter, Adams is seeking speakers for the Chapter meetings. If you are interested in doing a presentation or want to recommend a contact Adams at 864-4444.

## MORTGAGE PROS

Attention Mortgage Professionals. Learning more about the industry is as important as staying current. The National Association of Residential Mortgage Lenders (NARM) and the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMP) strive to keep mortgage professionals educated and informed. Both have monthly dinner meetings with guest speakers on timely topics. CAMP meetings held on the second Thursday of each month beginning November 8 at 6:00 p.m. Networking and off each CAMP meeting is the fourth Thursday of each month beginning November 15 at 6:00 p.m. To find out more call the speakers' hotline. The line is 925-746-1847. The speakers' hotline is 925-275-2663.

## CARL Christmas

Mark your calendars. The Christmas Cocktail Party on Thursday, Dec. 6, 6:00 p.m. Donations are appreciated. Toys for Tots Program. Call column for more details or CARL Hotline.

## Breakfast Club

Join the lively Wednesday morning Breakfast Meetings presented by the California Association of Real Estate Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at the Olympic boulevard Sheraton. Sign-ups promptly at 8:15 a.m. for fast refreshments are served. Info? Want to recommend a speaker? Call Pat Johnson at 925-296-3300.

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## Estate

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that makes this home so unique. Designed for comfort, entertaining and privacy, the estate features custom eucalyptus hardwood floors, Berber cut-loop pile carpets and large floor to ceiling windows throughout that showcase an unparalleled fourbridge scenic view.

The gorgeous living and dining rooms feature a unique birch-veneer wall, a double-sided fireplace facing each room, skylights, recessed lighting, imported Italian and Japanese light fixtures including custom Japanese paper lanterns,

large built-in china and crystal storage cabinet and brilliant, custom silk draperies.

Double birch wood doors lead to an exquisite kitchen featuring slab granite countertops, two Bosch dishwashers, professional range, custom bird eye maple cabinetry with frosted glass doors and attached breakfast nook.

Stairs lead from the living room to a mid-level floor featuring a library/office. The office showcases built-in maple cabinets and a large, over-sized window that opens to the soothing sounds of the entry's Japanese garden and pond.

The lower floor of the estate is reminiscent of a Hawaiian chaateau.

It features a custom powder room with slab slate counters, sandstone sink basin and recessed lighting. The center of the first floor is a spacious family room/sitting area that leads to an outdoor patio.

The patio was professionally landscaped by well-known Bay Area landscape architect Gary Lazar. The patio reminds one of being transformed into a tropical island. The outdoor patio-dining court features operating ponds, slate tile floor, spa, wood-burning fireplace with slate hearth and outdoor speakers.

The master bathroom features a marble shower with professional grade fixtures, dual vanities, custom claw foot tub and a separate enclosed toilet and bidet.

The home also features two guest bedroom suites, each with its own private bath, entrance and sundeck.

The high-tech enthusiast will appreciate the upgrades made in this villa including three-zone heating and air-conditioning with computerized control and surround sound speaker system throughout.

For more information on this unique property, contact Coldwell Banker's Kim and Barbara Marienthal at 510-486-1495 or via e-mail at [kim@marienthal.com](mailto:kim@marienthal.com). You may also visit [cbnrcal.com](http://cbnrcal.com) for an online virtual tour of the estate.

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**MEMBERS OF THE OAR COMMITTEE TO HELP THE ORAL LEE BROWN FOUNDATION** raise their own money and prepare to make their own personal contributions. Pictured seated from left to right are Aileen Brown, Chair of Fidelity National Title, Oral Lee Brown, Evelyn Walker and Lois Harris of Prudential California Title. Standing are Harvey Gabel of Chicago Title, Gus Saar of Old Republic, Charlene Elieard of First American Title, Ed Brounstein of Coldwell Banker, and Ramadan Aziz of First American Title.

## OAR over the top for Oral Lee

**BY BOBBIE REID**  
CORRESPONDENT

When one thinks of Oakland and its many accomplishments, the first name that comes to mind is Oral Lee Brown. 2001 is the year to add another name to those thoughts, the name of Evelyn Walker, Chair of the Association of Realtors.

Through the efforts of Evelyn Walker, Chair of the Association of Realtors, the OAR committee is to raise \$100,000 for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation and help her to provide scholarships for Oakland children.

In 1989, Brown came to the realization that too many of Oakland's children were slipping through the cracks. "Sometimes, I see you by the hand and I see you," said Brown. She was a first grade class near her home office. That day she issued a challenge to herself and the Association of Realtors to save \$100,000 a year for their college education. If they worked to get a C or better and stay in

school. In 1999, 19 of the original class of 23 graduated.

The OAR committee has raised over \$14,000 to date. "Close is not enough for this group," commented Chair Walker, "we intend to go over the top for Oral Lee's kids. We want her to know she's not in this alone."

The committee is made up of real estate agents and title representatives from the greater Oakland area. They wanted to make it easy to contribute and offered the opportunity for contributions to be designated at the close of escrow. Committee members passed the word. Walker and OAR President John Holmgren of Holmgren & Associates spoke personally to member offices. There are now 130 regular contributors (they give at the close of every escrow).

This program needs help more now than ever before. Brown announced plans to "adopt" sixty more children. The breakdown is twenty each from area first, fifth and ninth grades. This gives Brown a

OAR is also offering "Lamp of Learning" pins for \$25 each. To find out more or make a donation, contact Evelyn Walker by calling 510-339-4778.

short break between graduations. Her commitment is not only monetary. She visits with the classes, encourages and interacts with the children on all levels of their lives. Real estate has been her occupation, but these children are her passion.

Donations are not limited to the real estate community. The public is welcome to participate. OAR is also offering "Lamp of Learning" (OLB Foundation logo) pins for \$25 each. To make a donation, call Walker at 510-339-4778.

## When the time comes to make a commitment, some just freeze up

Number 382 in a series of true experiences in real estate

Sometimes a client tells us a secret that helps us help him. But sometimes he doesn't know he has a secret, and that can be a problem.

Some years ago we took on some buyers, a couple, who were looking for a house that we knew from the start would be a difficult find. The price they could afford wasn't high enough for the area they wanted to live in. We found a few houses at the right price, but they were all very needy. It was no trick to find houses for a lot more than they could pay.

She was the enthusiast, the gatherer of information, the one who balanced what she and her partner could give up, what they couldn't. She dove into the particular market sort of houses she wanted and learned it better than any agent could. She was quick, astute, good.

I am the one who looks for houses for people so, almost daily, I talked to her, told her about new listings, and we compared houses we'd seen. I enjoyed her. She took in everything in her path and fed it back to me. She saw things in houses I had never noticed.

She was committed and determined but after a while of looking, she worried that they might never find their house and said so. "It's difficult, but not impossible," I replied. "Let's keep looking."

Finally there was one house she thought would work if only it cost less. She said it was fairly priced (she knew the market very well by then), but it was not affordable.

We talked to the agent. There was reason to hope that the sellers might accept less, but not quite enough less, so we asked

our couple if they could go \$5,000 higher? Would they be comfortable? Is this the right house?

"Absolutely," he said. And she agreed. "We won't find another like this one for that price — if they really will sell for that. This house doesn't need any work, and my parents will love it."

"Let's make the best offer we can," said Anet. "Try it and see. If it's meant to be, it'll happen."

While we were writing the offer, when owning the house was still a dream, our excited buyer said, "This is getting scary now, more real, but very exciting." When the sellers countered with an additional \$4,000, she began to talk about other things: "I want earthquake insurance on the house, too. That will cost more. Our loan will be higher. I don't like borrowing more money."

"Let it go," we advised. "You've already gone up \$5,000, and it is taking its toll on you. There will be another house another day. We'll tell the sellers you can't do it."

But she couldn't let it go. Nor could she move ahead.

For four days, beginning early in the morning and ending late at night, we went over costs and alternatives, let them sleep on it, heard what her family and friends and the loan broker had to say. For four days we listened to her every worry, tiny and huge.

"It's too hard," we soothed. "Don't put yourself through this." But she was stalled.

"I can't decide," she said, and didn't go forward or go back. We'd talk in the morning, she'd say she had to decide by noon. We'd talk at noon, and again that night, and she'd say she still didn't know. Finally, frightened, but saying, "It's the lesser of the available evils," she signed the contract.



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For most people, commitment is scary. For some, it is horrifying. She wanted to be able to buy. She just couldn't.

We delivered the contract, opened escrow, and made the inspection appointments. Shortly after that, our buyer called again. "I can't do it. I'm a mess. I can't sleep, can't eat, can't work. You've got to get me out of this."

She had a secret, but she did not know it. For most people commitment is scary. For some, it is horrifying. She wanted to be able to buy. She just couldn't.

A lot of time had been wasted, our credibility with the other agent was in danger, we were frustrated and annoyed.

But mostly, we felt sad that our buyer had caused herself such anguish.

Anet Tarpo and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents who specialize in single family homes. They also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached by e-mail at [patanet@lmi.net](mailto:patanet@lmi.net) or by phone at 510-653-2050.

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The fee for the complete four-course program is \$195. Courses taken separately are \$75 each. The location is the Contra Costa Association of Realtors in Walnut Creek.

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— Bobbie Reid

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912 Grand St - \$935,000  
215 Inverness Ct - \$480,000  
33 Lawrence Rd - \$642,500  
238 McDonnell Rd - \$520,000  
1708 Minturn St - \$310,000  
2101 San Antonio Av - \$370,000  
1001 Shoreline #307 - \$330,000  
1622 St. Charles St - \$360,000  
309 Sunset Rd - \$410,000  
3039 Thompson Av - \$553,500  
15 Thurlies Pl - \$528,000  
1004 Union St - \$727,500  
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1558 Beverly Pl - \$595,000  
415 Cornell Av #201 - \$251,000  
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3425 Tulare Av - \$243,000  
1101 Yarrow Pl - \$339,000  
1104 Yarrow Pl - \$360,000  
621 Yuba St - \$419,000

## SAN LEANDRO

275 Bellevue Dr - \$285,000  
668 Black Pine Dr - \$318,500  
1357 Burkhardt Av - \$350,000  
282 California Av - \$302,000  
1350 Devonshire Av - \$300,000  
15088 Dewey St - \$321,000  
15370 Elvina Dr - \$330,000  
510 Fortuna Av - \$321,000  
16558 Hannah Dr - \$315,000  
15630 Hull Ct - \$460,000  
365 Lexington Av - \$295,000  
1269 Linton St - \$335,000  
864 Martin Bl - \$283,500  
821 Maud Av - \$365,000  
1560 Morgan Av - \$330,000  
452 Olive St - \$290,000  
2301 Overlook Ct - \$508,500  
2318 Pacific View Ct - \$532,000  
2104 Placer Dr - \$327,000  
15383 Ruggles St - \$325,000  
2191 San Remo Ct - \$415,000  
2222 Sandpiper Ct - \$355,000  
14708 Saturn Dr - \$325,000  
2009 West Av 135th - \$305,000

## SAN LORENZO

15859 Connolly Av - \$309,000  
542 Cornell St - \$275,000  
15814 Devonwood - \$378,000  
101 Hacienda Av - \$340,000  
1371 Jacqueline Pl - \$254,000  
15562 Lorenzo Av - \$335,000  
15827 P. Del Campo - \$303,500  
15960 Via Cordoba - \$297,000  
15731 Via Esmond - \$344,000  
44 Via Matero - \$313,000  
15710 Via Punta - \$330,000

## By the numbers

**ALAMEDA**  
TOTAL SALES: 19  
LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$935,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$480,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$480,500

**ALBANY**  
TOTAL SALES: 7  
LOWEST PRICE: \$251,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$595,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$307,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$372,429

**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 18  
LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,170,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$560,750

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**ALAMEDA**  
317 D PACIFIC AVE  
2 BDRM. PENDING  
Woods. New carpeting. New garage. - updated bathroom  
location. \$215,000

**1810 MAIN ST.**  
Freshly Painted  
BATH. PENDING  
New floor. New carpeting. - updated bathroom  
\$150,000

**SAN LEANDRO**  
14406 SEAGATE DR.  
2 Bdrm, 2.5 bath Townhome at Marina Seagate  
\$299,000

**14181 SEAGATE DR.**  
2 Bdrm, 2.5 bath  
unit, w/ fireplace, tile floor, lots of trees  
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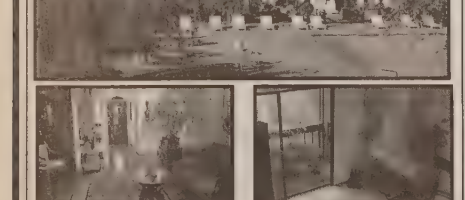
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**547 Blair Avenue** New Listing \$1,325,000  
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**2268 Leimert Boulevard** New Price \$1,249,000  
OPEN 2-5. Price Reduced! High End, High Tech & High Style. Brand new designer finishes plus a stellar view! Debra J. Dryden

**801 Rosemount Road** New Price \$849,000  
Elegant French country home surrounded by a lovely garden. 4BR/4BA including romantic master suite w/ fireplace, library & updated kitchen. Michelle Winchester

**6125 Rutland Road** New Listing \$789,000  
This Montclair Mediterranean home is exquisitely crafted w/ dramatic 2-story atrium, French doors lead to private grounds. Luxurious master suite. 4BR/3.5BA. Sherry Benninger

**370 63rd Street** New Listing \$699,000  
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**6225 Girvin Drive** New Listing \$699,000  
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**6899 Bristol Drive** New Listing \$695,000  
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**1760 Arrowhead Drive** New Listing \$525,000  
Sun-filled 3BR/2BA contemporary w/large rampus or separate office. Completely remodeled. Approx. 2,150 sq. ft. Level garden. Great floor plan. Steve Michaelides

**5216 Golden Gate Ave.** New Listing \$519,000  
Be Surprised! In Rockridge. Sleek & sunny, easy open floor plan with new kitchen & baths, large yard & brick patio, views, excellent location, best area. Sandra Vogl

**1848 Gaspar Drive** New Listing \$499,000  
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**1842 Gaspar Drive** New Listing \$425,000  
Great location near Montclair Village, this contemporary home offers a peek of the Bay in a wooded setting with 3BR/2BA and level-outdoor living. Judith Cain

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**Piedmont Side of Montclair** \$1,150,000  
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**Piedmont View Home** \$1,069,000  
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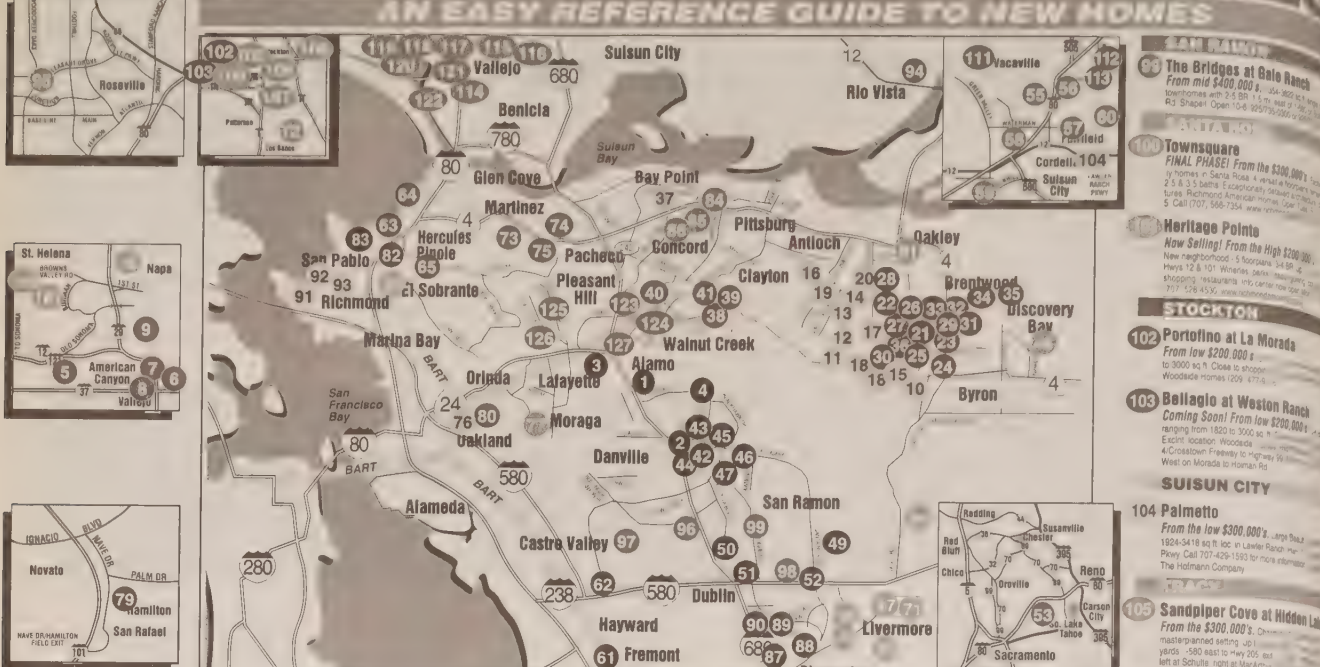
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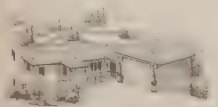
**RIDGEMONT \$1,550,000**  
1304 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Magnificent new 5BR/4.5BA. Large, elegant gates around a central courtyard. Dramatic living rm, canyon views, gourmet kit & enormous master ste. Lorri Arazi x330

**CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,500,000**  
7070 NORFOLK DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Spectacular 5BR/4.5BA w/great views. Separate office or guest suite, 4-car tandem garage. Private patio. Francis Heath x357

**CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,250,000**  
7131 NORFOLK (Open 2-4)  
Stunning 1 year old contemporary w/4BR/4.5BA. Unique design, great light. Master suite w/fireplace, lush canyon & bay views. Dee Knowland x318



**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,150,000**  
6205 MATHIEU AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Charming English-style Tudor w/arched windows, gabled roofs & bay windows. Architecturally distinctive w/great use of natural materials. 4BR/3.5BA. David Ichikawa x331



**CLAREMONT HILLS \$999,000**  
2091 TUNNEL RD. (Open 2-4)  
New Listing! Luxurious contemporary designed by Richard Janzen. 3BR/2.5BA, large detached office, gourmet kitchen. Exquisite finishes. Dee Knowland x318

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$949,000**  
5964 BUENA VISTA AVE. (Open 2-4:30)  
Sharp & stylish 1997 Mediterranean with ocean bay views. 4+BR/3BA, formal dining, master suite with fireplace, terrace. Best value in Upper Rockridge! Ashley O'Neill x368

**PIEDMONT \$949,000**  
132 LEXFORD RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Large, spacious custom home w/sweeping bay views. 4+BR/3+BA, updated kitchen, large ramp up to formal dining rm. Excellent fireplace, quiet setting. Georgia Cornell x325

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**MONTCLAIR \$859,000**  
6780 OAKWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
REDUCED! Spacious 6 yr old contemporary w/marble floors, oversized kit/lam rm, 4BR suites/4+BA, 3 fp & breathtaking canyon views. Jeffrey Himmel x307



**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$849,000**  
1132 MANDANA BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Stately 3BR/3.5BA home. Updated country kitchen w/professional grade Wolf range, formal living & dining rooms, & master suite w/bay view. Dick Cohen x308



**MONTCLAIR \$795,000**  
5660 BALBOA DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Sensational remodeled home w/piano 3-bridge views. Easy flowing 2-story floorplan. 4BR/3BA, family room, beautiful kitchen, level yard, patios. Teri Carlisle x305

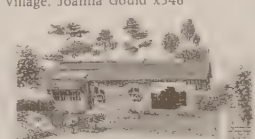
**MONTCLAIR \$749,000**  
6097 COLTON BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Level-in 4BR/3BA home w/SF, Bay & serene canyon views. Flexible floor plan, updated kitchen & hardwood floors. Prime location near the Village & freeways. Teri Carlisle x305

**MONTCLAIR \$729,000**  
1725 ALHAMBRA LN. (Open 2-4:30)  
5BR/3BA home w/fabulous floor plan. Dramatic 2-story living rm, kit/lam rm & 3 car garage. Quiet yet convenient location near Village. Yard. Teri Carlisle x305

**UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$715,000**  
5210 CLAREWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Elegant custom contemporary w/soaring spaces & great separation. 3BR/2.5BA, 3fp, den, study, kit/lam rm, decks to yard for play or garden. Gini Erck x339

**ORINDA \$699,000**  
32 SOUTHWOOD DR. (Open 2-4)  
Charming 3+BR/2BA brown shingle in serene & private setting, close to shops & restaurants. Kit/lam rm, formal dining, decks & hot tub. Sandi Klemmer x314

**MONTCLAIR \$629,000**  
6020 ZINN DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Stunning 3BR/2BA contemporary. Lush canyon views from decks. Gorgeous master suite, kitchen/family room, 2-car garage. Close to Village. Joanna Gould x346



**MONTCLAIR \$599,000**  
6616 WOODLAND PL. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Hidden jewel in Upper Broadway Terrace, 3+BR/2BA, spectacular gardens surrounding home, sep. office, stunning archit. details. Recently renovated. Leslie Avant x341



**CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$569,900**  
1538 TRETTLE GLEN RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Wonderful 2-story Traditional home on beautiful tree-lined street. 3BR/1.5BA, formal dining & remodeled country kitchen. Approx. 1712 sq. ft. Donna Costella x355

**MONTCLAIR \$565,000**  
2150 DRAKE DR. (Open 2-4:30)  
Price Reduced! Beautifully redone 4BR/2BA home on large lot. Family room, separate dining rm, partial bay view, quiet street. Bonnie Hirsch x337

**MONTCLAIR \$469,000**  
2233 PELHAM PL. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Dramatic contemporary w/captivating parkland vistas. 4BR/2BA, updated kitchen, 2 fireplaces, 2-car garage. A bright & airy retreat in a peaceful setting. Chuck Corwin x353

**MONTCLAIR \$449,000**  
2551 MOUNTAIN BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Charming Traditional, level living close to schools & shopping. Hdwd flrs, formal living & dining rms. Private garden w/covered patio. 2BR/2+BA. Charlotte Boyle x 370 & Helen Danhaki x356



**PIEDMONT AVE. \$439,000**  
24 MONTELL ST. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Light & lovely 1900's bungalow with bay windows, 2+BR/1BA. Close to all the best in urban living. Charming! Joan Dark x316

**OAKMORE \$429,000**  
2303 TIFFIN RD. (Open 2-4:30)  
Darling all level 3BR/2BA home, recently renovated with style. Wonderful great room! Level enclosed yard. Sandi Klemmer x314

**GRANDLAKE \$188,000**  
525 MANDANA BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)  
New Listing! Unit #305. 1BR/1BA condo w/Lake Merritt & downtown Oakland views. Balcony. Great building close to Grand & Lakeshore Avenue. Ann Nichols x319

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**CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,875,000**  
5+BR/4.5BA. Splendid new home w/piano SF & GG views. Gourmet kit/lam rm. Luxury master suite. Approx. 1/2 acre Nancy Noman x373

**CLAREMONT HILLS LOT \$595,000**  
SF & Bay view lot framed by large greenbelt canyon. Private road serves 4 luxury homes. Soils report, survey & architectural blueprints included. David Ichikawa x331

**MONTCLAIR \$530,000**  
Lovely 2+BR/2BA home on large wooded lot. Den w/outside access, large deck, 2-car garage & lots of off-street parking. Kathleen Callahan x343

**BERKELEY \$495,000**  
Beautiful 2+BR/1BA lower flat in historic 1898 Lindblom House. 50% TIC Interest. Spectacular architectural details, sep studio/office. Wonderful garden. Leslie Avant x341

**EL CERRITO \$465,000**  
(Cutting to Canyon Trail Park). Panoramic views, fine design & flow, artful landscaping. 3+BR/2BA, family room opens to garden patio. Gini Erck x339

**DIMOND DISTRICT \$449,000**  
Rare 2-story Mediterranean on level lot. 1930's charm. 3BR/2.5BA, master suite, lovely street. Kathleen Callahan x343

**ALAMEDA \$399,000**  
Sunny Italianate Victorian beautifully maintained & updated. New kitchen, large sunny garden, hardwood floors, full basement. 3+BR/2BA. Jack McPhail x300

**BERKELEY \$325,000**  
2-story loft, rear unit w/separate BR & plus room. Hardwood floors, many upgrades, secured parking. Great location. 1BR/1BA. Chuck Corwin x353

**JOAQUIN MILLER \$250,000**  
Fabulous gently sloping lot w/wooded & South Bay views. Architect designed floorplan & elevations available. Near Montclair & Regional parks. Michelle Vasey x359

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**REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$499,500**  
Enchanting English with 4BR/2.5BA. Lovely architectural details. Great curb appeal & floor plan. Diane Earl McCan x352

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# Sales

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## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$340,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$432,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$449,700

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1  
PRICE: \$270,500

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST PRICE: \$132,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$300,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$162,500

AVERAGE PRICE: \$198,167

## WILSON

TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$450,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$485,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$467,500

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 75  
LOWEST PRICE: \$66,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$840,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$266,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$330,087

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST PRICE: \$550,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,045,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$850,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$832,000

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 31  
LOWEST PRICE: \$130,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$425,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$243,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$250,581

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 24  
LOWEST PRICE: \$283,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$260,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$260,000

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 11  
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$275,000  
MEDIAN PRICE: \$262,500

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**147 Parkhaven Dr., Danville \$799,880**  
3 BR or 4 BR plus a Bonus Room, 3 BA, 3491 approx sq ft with lot size of 9150 approx sq ft. Spacious living and dining areas with vaulted ceilings, crown molding, tile floors, hardwood floors, granite, double oven, microwave and central air conditioning. Fireplace, family room & in master suite. Many upgrades throughout. Rear yard with pool, spa, and BBQ. Large deck and screened RV Community pool and playground.

**203 Molitas Rd., Danville \$599,000**  
4 BR, 3 BA, 2699 approx sq ft. Tri-level floor plan with cathedral ceilings. Two-way fireplace, breakfast nook and living room. Wet bar in kitchen. Large master suite with walk-in closet and access to rear yard. Private rear yard with deck and gazebo. Backs up to open space.

**4 Sandpebble Ct., Danville \$442,000**  
4 BR/2.5 BA. Approx. 2168 sq ft. Open floor plan with cathedral ceilings. Separate formal living and dining areas. Pergo flooring in kitchen and breakfast area. Freshly painted interior. Community Pool/Club house.

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Bebe McRae x145 \$1,100,000

**OPEN SUN 2-4:30**

**726 Euclid Avenue**  
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Tricia Swift x140 \$1,750,000

**OPEN SUN 2-4**

**596 Euclid**  
An elegant, architecturally rich, custom built home with a gorgeous bay view. Fully divided & appointed - 4 BR, 3.5BA, wonderful formal dining, deck, garden, & gourmet kitchen. Generous spaces include an expansive living room, master suite, & a large office.  
Anne Van Dyke x137 \$1,325,000

**442 Santa Barbara**  
Located in one of Berkeley Hills finest streets, this home is a gem with Bay views, new roof and walk to coffee for \$985,000.  
Ruth Frassetto x147 \$985,000

**OPEN SUN 2-4:30**

**1998 San Antonio**  
Magnificent Mediterranean with direct access to the San Luis Park with pool and tennis court! There are 5 bedrooms & 4.5 baths. beautiful double lot & a grand elegant!  
Bebe McRae x145 \$2,300,000

**OPEN SUN 2-4:30**

**711 Spruce**  
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Ron Egberman x127 \$750,000

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Bebe McRae x145 \$650,000

**1198 Oxford Street**  
New listing! Very special, great woodwork, built-ins, Bay views, Remodeled kitchen & bath. 3BR, 1.5BA.  
Mary Montali x132 \$525,000

**54 Vicente Road - Views & Location**  
Rare, large parcel of view land in fabulous location near the Claremont Hotel. Two parcels were merged to create this incredible 32,000 sq. ft. lot. Faye Keogh x125 \$1,650,000

**2335-37 Blake Ave.**  
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**Upper Rockridge**  
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Tracy & Bill 524-9888 x33

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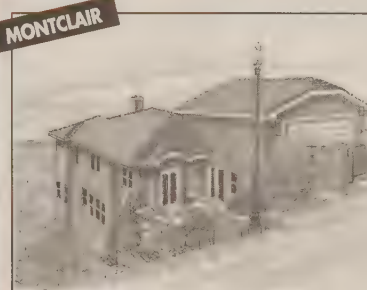
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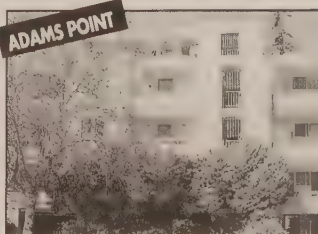
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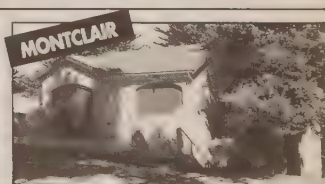
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DENNIS EVANOSKY

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FROM PAGE B3

## WHO'S ON FIRST?

■ Georgia Richardson has announced the addition of Broker-Associate Rosemary Greene to Richardson Real Estate Services, in Oakland. To say congrats call Greene at 510.569.3499.

■ Ira and Carol Serkes of Re/Max Bay Area in Berkeley are donating 10 percent of their commission checks to Red Cross-United Way relief services. To say, way to go, call them at 510-526-6668.

■ Have you seen Ed Brounstein lately? I have, at a meeting of the OAR committee to raise funds for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. Brounstein has joined Coldwell Banker Bartels-Realtors. (See related story on page B3). You can say hi to Ed at 510-758-8050.

Someone new at your company? Something special your company is doing? Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Let me know I'd love to let the world know. All my contact info is listed below.

## WHAT'S UP DOC??

I need your information for this column. Fundraisers, meetings, announcements, promotions, designations and change of scenery (company).

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**Open Sunday 2-4:30**  
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**EL CERRITO. 7031 Fairmount Ave. ... \$199,000**  
Sweet sweet sweet! One bedroom, one bath, separate plus room. Two blocks to Plaza and BART. Big kitchen, beautiful fireplace in spacious living room, hardwood floors, nice yard with fruit trees, one-car detached garage. Needs work, but a real charmer.  
**Open 2-4**  
**Mary Gray** **(510) 559-2939**

**OAKLAND 1632 12th Ave. .... \$235,000**  
LOVINGLY RESTORED VICTORIAN. Circa 1901. Move-in condition. Eat-in kitchen/family dining room with granite counters. Sunny master with balcony overlooking garden. Fenced garden. 2 bedrooms, 1 restored bath.  
**Open Sunday, 2-4**  
**Ruth Goldstone** **559-1444x1**

**KENSINGTON. 228 Arlington Ave. ... \$690,000**  
Old World Charm! Lovely fixer a few steps from Kensington Village. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, beautiful hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, master suite, spacious back yard. Breakfast room in turret!  
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**RICHMOND N.E. 2548 Humphrey Ave. .... \$279,000**  
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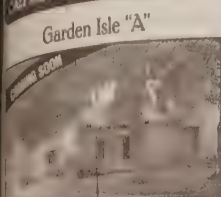
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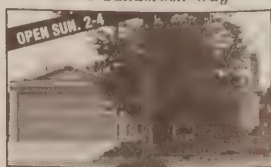
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Crestmont Heights. Grand 3-bridge views! 5BR/2BA, HWF, FP, EIK, newer steel roof, level-in attached 2-car garage. Lydia Nayo

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3842 LaCresta Avenue  
\$399,000  
Glenview. Storybook Craftsman w/most adorable kitchen & booth area. 2BR/1BA, stunning wood floors, FDR w/built-ins, large living room & entry way deck overlooking level back yard. 2-5 Jack Brennerman

3101 Burlington Street  
\$449,000  
Urban setting. So much charm! 2BR/1.5BA, built-ins, arch. wood, becomes FP, family room, garage & lovely fenced yard. Rachel Baller

985 62nd Street  
\$215,000  
Cute corner house, developing area perfect for a first-time buyer. 2BR/1BA, hardwood floors, original woodwork, cozy layout. 2-4 Reva Tolbert

OPEN SUNDAY

3300 Court  
\$799,000  
Gorgeous ranch. Wrapped in glass! Handsome 4+BR/3BA w/contemporary on approx. 1/3 acre of beautifully landscaped grounds. Donna Conroy

3332 McKean Drive, Concord  
\$385,000  
3BR/2BA, family room w/FP, Corian counters, lovely garden/patio area, 2-car garage, termite clear 2-4:30 Victor Fierro

4027 Harding Avenue  
\$414,000  
Stunning, Charming Cape Cod set on a lushly landscaped lot w/4-4BR/2.5BA, huge family room, 2-car garage, all meticulously cared for. Don't wait! 2-4:30 Claudia Bonvillian

2457 67th Avenue  
\$229,000  
Oakland. 2+BR/1BA, FP in living room, FDR, family room, eat-in kitchen. 2-4:30 Phyllis Wherry

BY APPOINTMENT

Montclair  
\$849,000  
Gorgeous retreat. Cozy, romantic 2BR/1.5BA home situated on a beautiful large piece of land w/spectacular view. Huge pool, wine closet, fireplace. Great place to get away from it all or to throw a party. Small & intimate, yet smashing. Donna Conroy

Moraga Townhome  
\$489,000  
Spacious 3BR/2.5BA townhome only 15-years-old. Great floorplan, large eat-in kitchen, 2-car garage, FP, skylights, counters, Pergo & marble floors. Elena Stone

Redwood Hill of Montclair  
\$699,000  
3BR/2BA w/wooden kitchen. Sunny patio w/rose bushes, bay view. Master bedroom, master bath w/wine counter. Michael Thompson

1418 E. 26th Street  
\$375,000  
Tudor 4-plex. Unique Tudor-style on public walkway between 14th Ave. and Wallace St. Many upgrades & improvements. Victor Ratto

Montclair  
\$669,000  
2+BR/1.5BA w/whuge plus room & large kitchen/family room. 2+BR/1.5BA. Livelock lot near everything. Terry Kulka

Walnut Creek Condominium  
\$219,900  
2BR/1.5BA upper unit. Dual-pane windows, IKEA kitchen, granite counters, Pergo & marble floors. Elena Stone

Emeryville/Lake  
\$595,000  
2+BR/1.5BA w/whuge plus room & large kitchen/family room. 2+BR/1.5BA. Livelock lot near everything. Dell Orr

Laurel/Diamond  
\$200,000  
2BR/1BA, HWF, sun porch, built-ins, formal dining room, plus detached workshop/studio. Great starter-liver awaiting renewal. Victor Ratto

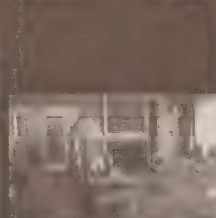
Contra Valley  
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2+BR/1.5BA w/whuge plus room & large kitchen/family room. 2+BR/1.5BA. Livelock lot near everything. Judy Rankin

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\$599,000  
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877 21st St., Oakland  
\$219,000  
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1336 Campus, Berkeley  
\$499,000  
Seclusion, woods, view! Artistic delight! 2+BR/2.5BA. Rita Zwerdling

2502-4 Webster, Berkeley  
\$525,000  
Elmwood, 2 charming houses on 1 lot, front house 2BR/1BA & wheelchair accessible, back house 1BR/1BA. Mamood Moktari

BY APPOINTMENT

HARBOR POINT  
\$343,000  
Gorgeous single family 4BR/2.5BA home, sunken LR, 1900+ sq. ft., mstr. sta., fireplace in LR & DR. 12 yrs. old. Close to Bay trails. Great! Diana Kay

BERKELEY/ELMWOOD  
\$525,000  
2 charming houses on 1 lot. Front house is 2BR/1BA complete w/wheelchair access. Back house is 1BR/1BA, hwdw, flrs. & FP. Mamood Moktari

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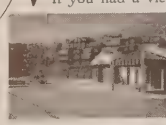
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624 San Gabriel Ave. 480/3BA SUN 2-4 \$588,000  
By Owner, (510) 559-9881

630 Carmel Ave. 3rd/1ba Sun 2-4 \$388,000  
Thomson Properties, Toba Schwartz, 510-849-1950 X233

1999 San Antonio 3rd/1ba Sun 2-4 \$2,300,000  
Templeton Lavette Co., Fay Kogoh, 510-652-2133 X122

726 Euclid 480/3BA Sun 2-4 \$1,750,000  
Templeton Lavette Co., Tricia Swift, 510-652-2133 X140

595 Euclid 1 - 1.5 Sun 2-4 \$1,325,000  
Templeton Lavette Co., Anne Van Dyke, 510-652-2133 X137

2730 Belrose 5th/4.5BA Sun 2-4 \$1,100,000  
Templeton Lavette Co., Bette McLean, 510-652-2133 X145

711 Spruce 3rd/2ba Sun 2-4 \$995,000  
Templeton Lavette Co., Nacio Brown, 510-652-2133 X135

622 San Luis 480/3BA Sun 2-4 \$935,000  
Berkeley Hills Realty, Maya Yelling, 510-624-9880 X110

520 The Alameda 3 - 7.5BA Sun 2-4 \$750,000  
Templeton Lavette Co., Ben Eggherman, 510-652-2133 X127

1425 Spruce 4 plx Sun 2-5 \$595,000  
RED OAK, 510-280-2118, Diana

1195 Keeler 2 - 1 - 7/2ba Sun 1:30-4 \$590,000  
Prudential CA, Gaby Olaner, 510-649-3711

2655 Shasta Rd. 2 - 1/5BA Sun 2-4 \$520,000  
Ken Artola Plant, Marvin Gardens, 510-527-2707

1645 Prince 3rd/2.5 Sun 2-4 \$495,000  
RED OAK, 510-280-2177, Marini

1344 Oxford 480/3BA Sun 2-4 \$490,000  
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1505 Edith 2nd/1.5 Sun 2-4 \$490,000  
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1807 Blake Street 3rd/2ba Sun 2-4 \$475,000  
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2328 Curtis St. 3rd/2ba Sun 2-4 \$438,000  
Open Sun, 510-652-0616, Century 21 Heritage R.E.

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Prudential CA Realty, Terri Wang-Pearl, 510-634-2010

2006 Ellis Street 380/2BA Sun 2-4 \$385,000  
The Grubb Co. Jill Carrigan 510-339-0400

1715 Sacramento 2 - 1/1ba Sun 2-4 \$338,000  
Berkeley Hills Realty, Tracy & Bill, 510-524-9888 X33

1825 Ward 2nd/1.5 Sun 2-4 \$338,000  
RED OAK, 510-280-2128, Laila

2805 Stanton St. 2nd/1.5BA Sun 2-4 \$330,000  
Barbara Hopper, Prudential CA, Claremont, 510-445-0211

2928 Hillegass 2 - 1 - 7/1ba Sun 2-4 \$330,000  
Ana & Pascal Fort, Prudential, 510-649-9450

1341 Derby St. 3rd/1.5 Sun 2-4 \$310,000  
Vai Thai, Prudential CA, 510-645-0200

2908 Deakin #8 2nd/1ba Sun 2-4 \$250,000  
Vanessa Timon Smith, Prudential CA, 510-525-5143

3333 McKean 3rd/2ba Sun 2-4 \$385,000  
Caldwell Banker, Victor Fiam, 510-339-4700

535 Bourne Lane 480/3BA Sun 1:30-4:30 \$959,000  
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7211 Plank Ave. 2nd/1.5BA Sun 2-4 \$360,000  
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In 2001  
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No Bank Quia Inv  
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1980's 1516-6126

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HORSE lovers 6 a.c., pool  
2 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, 1980's  
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3BD/2BA 1750 sq. ft., updated  
kitchen, 44 sq. ft. 1980's  
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4bd/2ba 1980's home  
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sm. apple, tools, pictures  
sporting equipment, equip.  
books, games & video  
6/4 and 6/4 yd (off Garro Dr.)

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HUGE GARAGE SALE  
Modern Inv & din rm. furn.  
Pictures, home access.  
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500 sq. ft. kitchen, large  
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garden, walk Diablo Mtn.  
Schl 359K (925) 964-0185

### 3BD/2BA, By Owner

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354 Victoria Bay  
Home, furnishings, china,  
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# Century 21 Heritage Real Estate goes wireless

CENTURY 21 HERITAGE REAL ESTATE  
Century 21 Heritage Real Estate, a "Fine Homes & Estates" designated office of Century 21 Inc. recently announced the upgrading of its technological infrastructure. "We are in a time of great change," said Century 21 president Jack Schlendorf.

"We have an obligation to our sales associates to provide the very best tools available so they can better serve their clients."

Century 21 Heritage Real Estate is believed to be the first residential real estate company to go wireless in the Bay Area.

"With the advent of Internet marketing, electronic contracts and signatures, we could hardly do less," said Schlendorf. "We have made a significant investment in a wireless high-speed Internet connected office."

Century 21 Heritage Real Estate has installed T-1 lines in three of its offices and permitted its agents to connect their laptops or PCs to this high-speed system without the use of cables or wires.

Agents are now able to come in, search for listings and send them to a printer or e-mail them to a client from anywhere in the office, or even from their cars in the offices' parking lot.

"Salespeople are wildly enthusiastic about the new system," said top producer Helen Nicholas. "It didn't take me long to figure out how helpful this can be. Now I can send marketing material to a color printer when it's appropriate."


"I love the flexibility this new system provides," she said. "My clients are very impressed with what I'm able to produce and how 'cutting edge' my company is."

This will further strengthen the regional presence of Century 21 Heritage Real Estate and its offices in Danville, Lafayette, Livermore and in the Montclair district of Oakland, said Schlendorf.

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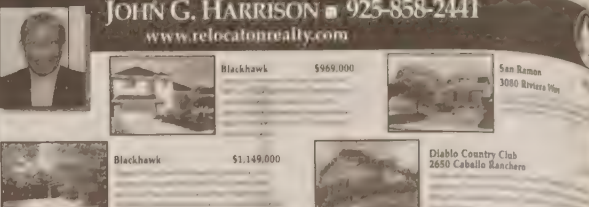
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This is special! Approx. 4,400 sq. ft. 5+BR, 4BA, panoramic Bay view, 3-car garage. 12 yrs. old.

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**1801 Gouldin, Oakland.**

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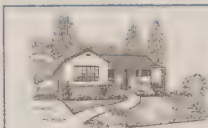


★ Open Sun 2-5! \$449,000  
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★ Open Sun 2-4! \$360,000  
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**2908 Deakin #B.** Cozy 2BR w/garden! Easy stroll to BART, Elmwood.

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This stunning custom contemporary home has been featured in Sunset Magazine. Open beam ceilings, exquisite wood and tile detail, master suite with fireplace and a quiet cul-de-sac location are some of the special features this home offers.

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**KENSINGTON**  
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510-339-9290

**CLAREMONT**  
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RON SALSIG  
Range Rat

## Golfers are irate over surcharge

Sure, the green fees will go up. We understand. But your surcharge is taxing. That was the consensus at Wednesday's public meeting on the proposed green fee increases at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex. Veteran monthly

players were irate. The monthly cards were set to be revised in 2002, originally with a \$10 increase in the price of the card and a \$2 surcharge. Wednesday's meeting that fee was lowered, with only a \$5 increase. But the surcharge-play fee remained.

And that surcharge was challenged. "That surcharge is flat out a nuisance tax," Alameda senior golfer Bert Morgan said. "Take the rate from \$60 to \$75. That's more reasonable than a sixty-percent increase."

The monthly card rate is currently \$90 for Alameda seniors, \$75 for Alameda residents and \$100 for non-residents.

Tony Corica of the Alameda Golf Commission explained that around \$800,000 is needed to do capital improvement projects at the golf course, and the only source of revenue is from the green fees.

"Factor in the cost of living and these fee increases keeps us even," he explained.

But members of the commission also challenged that surcharge.

"The monthly ticket should be an incentive for residents to play more," commissioner Sandra Swanson said. "I think it's OK to play more and realize an advantage. The surcharge promotes a disadvantage."

Alamedan Marc Squeri agreed.

"Isn't the purpose of the card to just sign up and play?" he asked. "This surcharge is going to add wear and tear behind the counter."

Obviously, some sort of compromise was needed.

The commission is concerned about subsidized play. It costs the golf course around \$7.7 for each golfer that plays the course. That's how the figures break down. Above that \$7.7 figure is profit, below it is subsidy.

Subsidizing junior golf is no problem — it's a tradition in Alameda. And some subsidy to residents who play often is in order.

That leaves a question mark on the monthly card subsidy column. Non-residents.

Why are non-residents being subsidized? Currently a non-resident is allowed to pay \$100 for a monthly card, with a \$2 surcharge (residents currently pay no surcharge). If that non-resident plays 10 times a month, which is average for a monthly card holder, it costs him \$12 a round. That is considerably below the break-even figure of \$17.

Here's a proposal for the commission: Eliminate the non-resident monthly card. In its place, set up a non-resident senior card (currently there is none).

And set up a new rate structure for non-residents who play often, like a 10-play card. At a non-subsidized rate, but below the daily fee rate. That way the green fee structure (100 percent non-resident, 75 percent resident) would remain exact...and the surcharge could be eliminated.

The money saved by no longer subsidizing non-residents would make up for the money lost through the elimination of the surcharge.

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**BREAKING A TACKLE**, Panther running back Trestin George tore loose for a gain against St. Patrick. Playing Nov. 3 in Berkeley St. Mary's downed the Bruins 42-34.

## Panthers still in hunt for title

**With title on line, St. Mary's faces Piedmont tonight**

By Phil Jensen  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

**BERKELEY** — After a first half that resembled an arena league football game, the St. Mary's defense got together at halftime.

"We just talked about keying on their two backs and showing heart," Panthers linebacker Chase Moore said.

St. Mary's defense came through in the second half and, combined with a strong all-around offensive effort, defeated St. Patrick 42-34 Saturday to stay in the race for the Bay Shore Athletic League title.

"Jarrell Booker and Leon Drummer made big plays," said St. Mary's coach Jay Lawson about the defensive tackles. "We started beating their tackles and getting into the backfield."

With the victory, St. Mary's (5-4, 3-1 BSAL) set up an important showdown at Piedmont tonight at 7 p.m. St. Patrick fell to 4-5 and 2-2 in the BSAL.

St. Mary's entered halftime tied 28-28. The Panthers had no trouble with offensive output, as Trestin George rushed for 98 yards and two touchdowns, and teammate Courtney Brown scored two touchdowns on an 89-yard kickoff return and a 50-yard pass

from quarterback Steve Murphy. The Panthers racked up 206 yards in the first half, but St. Patrick had 270, all on the ground. Justin Ewers rushed for 171 of those yards and scored two touchdowns.

St. Mary's gained the momentum right away in the second half, as George took the first play from scrimmage 63 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown. He left the game later in the third quarter with a pulled hamstring after being hit late, and ended the game with 180 yards rushing on eight carries.

But on St. Pat's next possession, the Panther defense stopped the Bruins on St. Mary's 45 yard line. St. Mary's proceeded to score on its next series to take a 42-26 lead. Murphy, who completed seven of his 15 passes for

160 yards, found Moore in the end zone with a 27-yard pass. Moore produced another huge play late in the game, this time on the defensive side.

After an eight-yard run by Ewers, who finished with 249 yards on 37 carries, had St. Patrick within eight points with 3:54 remaining on the clock, the club obtained a chance to tie the score.

With 1:59 to go and the ball on their own 33, the Bruins drove to St. Mary's 23-yard line with six seconds remaining. Ewers took a pitch from backup quarterback Will Dunlap on the final play of the game and headed right. But Moore rushed into the backfield and hit Ewers, jostling the ball as time ran out.

"I just knew I had to keep doing my job — outside contain," Moore said.

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St. Mary's	42
St. Patrick	34

## Down to wire in BSAL

**Panthers, Scots to face off tonight with title on line**

By Scott Strain

**STAFF WRITER**  
**PIEDMONT** — St. Mary's at Piedmont football: Lights! Camera! Action!

Especially lights. If the power doesn't fail at Witter Field and the Piedmont Unified School District has paid its PG&E bill, the Highlanders will actually get to play a complete football game Friday night (7 p.m.).

And it will be against St. Mary's for the Bay Shore Athletic League title, as was predicted by many before the season began. But to get to this point has not been easy for either team.

The Panthers (3-1, 5-4) looked dreadful in preleague games, but have managed to hammer together a balanced attack with running back Trestin George doing his usual thing (1,228 yards, 11 touchdowns) and quarterback Steve Murphy giving the Panthers some semblance of balance by throwing for more than 600 yards in the last four games.

St. Mary's has been hammered by McClymonds 57-13 and the Panthers have that in common with Piedmont (a 52-14 loss). But St. Mary's also lost to Kennedy-Richmond 35-30 and that is the one BSAL blemish Piedmont does not have —

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## Duffy runs alone for win

**St. Mary's senior easily wins BSAL title; Highlanders sweep team titles**

By Orlando Molina  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

With a 31-second lead ahead of the pack, St. Mary's Bridget Duffy walked away with the 2001 Bay Shore Athletic League individual title with a time of 18 minutes and 8 seconds at Point Pinole on Nov. 1.

Duffy, a senior, won her third league title in as many years with the previous two coming from the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

"I was all by myself out there. I just tried to keep pushing myself, but it was hard. It was not my best race," said an exhausted Duffy. "It's hard to run when you're all alone. There's nobody there to push you."

Her coach, Denis Mohun, was not too surprised at Duffy's victory.

"Bridget ran well," he said. "We put a game plan together for a great run. She's still learning, but she ran big for us. She's expected to win."

Duffy will be going for her third consecutive Division IV title at the North Coast Section



**BRIDGET DUFFY WON** the BSAL cross country title going away, winning by 31 seconds. Running at Point Pinole on Nov. 1, Duffy's Panthers placed second overall, as did the St. Mary's boys.

Meet of Champions Nov. 17 at Hayward High School.

Despite Duffy's convincing victory, four Piedmont finishers took third through sixth place to win the girls' team title 26-30 over St. Mary's.

Catie Gilchrist, the Highlander's fastest runner, turned in

a time 18:42, ahead of teammate Alison Jolda's time of 18:49.

"(Winning the title) feels great," said an elated Gilchrist. "It's something we did as a team. It gives us a tight bond."

Salesian, bitten by the injury

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## Berkeley cruises; Albany blanked

**Yellow Jackets score 4 TDs in 1st quarter**

By Phil Jensen  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

**RICHMOND** — Berkeley scored four touchdowns in the first quarter and didn't look back in a dominating 68-14 win over Richmond.

With the victory, the Yellow Jackets (5-3, 4-0 ACCAL) remain undefeated in league play. Last night (past press time), the Yellow Jackets faced the Pinole Valley Spartans (7-1, 5-0) in battle for first place.

Berkeley wasted little time getting on the scoreboard Friday. A low snap on a punt by Richmond (1-8, 0-5) resulted in a fumble recovery by Gerny Baird on the Richmond 14. Three plays later, Craig Hollis ran for a 3-yard score.

The Yellow Jackets added touchdown runs in the first quarter of two yards by Roger Mason, 12 yards by Baird and three yards by Lee Franklin. Berkeley rushed for 426 yards in the game, led by 147 yards on 10 carries by Baird.

In the second half, Richmond's Refugio Loera threw touchdown passes of five yards to Dennis Green and 28 yards to Brandon Taylor.

**John Swett 10, Albany 0**

**ALBANY** — The Indians held the Cougars to 40 net yards of offense in this matchup of previously winless Bay Shore Athletic League game. John Swett (2-7, 1-3 BSAL) used its double-wing offense to pick

up 185 yards on the ground. Terrell Harbin broke through the pack on a dive for a 48-yard touchdown on the second offensive play of the second half.

"It was a straight dive," Indians coach John Angell said. "They were putting 10-11 guys up in the box and we got lucky and broke one."

Harbin finished with 73 yards on eight carries. He also had two catches for 47 yards. Mike Santos rushed for 79 yards on 16 carries.

Indians place kicker Morgan Edwards nailed

a 29-yard field goal with 2:58 left in the first quarter for the only other score of the game. The field goal was set up when the Indians recovered a fumble at the Albany 19 on a botched Cougars handoff on a reverse.

Albany struggled without quarterback Harold Lueders, who was lost for the season after separating his left shoulder in last week's game with St. Mary's. Heading into the fourth quarter, the Cougars had no net yards and one first down.

Albany finally picked up some steam at the start of the fourth quarter. New starting quarterback J.P. Koehn completed a 19-yard pass to Mike Estis. Estis ran 34 yards on the next play to the Indians 37. But the drive stalled three plays later when Koehn slipped while rolling out for a 15-yard loss.

Times staff writer Mike Wood contributed to this roundup.

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Berkeley	68
Richmond	14
Swett	10
Albany	0



# Tales of feisty Ferris Fain

In a way, it seems like just yesterday, yet in another, it seems like a different lifetime.

In reality, it was neither, but it definitely was a different era. It was a time of "make your own fun," solid friendships and leave-the-door-unlocked, close neighborhoods.

It was a time when members of the faculty (physical education department primarily) coached the athletic teams. And a time of semipro baseball, with players ranging from major leaguers home for the winter to young prospects just out of (or still in) high school.

One of those "phenoms" was a lad from Oakland's Roosevelt High School. Tom Fitzpatrick, a legend in the coaching fraternity, had a very strong baseball team, a team that was the springboard for several players who became minor and major league stars.

The prep grad was a superb player, a fancy-dan but highly efficient defensive specialist at first base. And he could hit pretty well, too, though the spotlight had been on his defense.

The man-boy, Ferris Fain, played for Al Petersen Liquors, where his teammates included fellow Roosevelt stars such as Will Leonard, Al Steele and, if memory serves, Milt Cadinha.

But the spotlight here is on Fain, who died at his Georgetown home Oct. 18.

Thanks to Ray Malgradi, former minor-league manager, major-league batting practice pitcher, semipro star and chairman of the annual Bayview/Raimondi Park Baseball Reunion, we have some details of Fain's career, which, despite the excellence of his defensive skills, is best remembered for his winning consecutive American League batting championships with the Philadelphia Athletics.

Fain was born in San Antonio, Texas on May 29, 1921, but his family moved to west Oakland when Ferris was young, and shortly thereafter to east Oakland, where he graduated from Lockwood Junior High and Roosevelt High. (Note: Roosevelt High later burned down and many of the students, including a late-known photographer, the well Don Zarcione, were assigned to Fremont High.)

Fain played varsity football, basketball and baseball and was all-league in all three sports for three years.

In Fain's last year at Roosevelt, he was paid \$200 a month by the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League. That, of course, was under the table because it was "strictly prohibited" under minor-league baseball law. And prep eligibility, one would suspect.

Fain reported to the Seals in 1940 (Alameda's Ray Antonali was part of the East Bay entourage as was Alameda's Ray Perry) where the manager was the fabled (except by the National Baseball Hall of Fame) Lefty O'Doul, who had played in the majors for 11 years with a lifetime batting average of .349.

Anyway, Fain found PCL pitching pretty tough, but O'Doul, who had taken a liking to Fain, noticed that he was overstriding and tied a rope around Fain's right ankle and held it tight so that Fain could not stride. It did the trick and the story is one I heard Fain tell many times. Fain, who also knew how to laugh at and make fun of himself, really enjoyed recounting tales of yesteryear and was an enthusiastic speaker whenever called upon.

Fain never played below the Triple-A level. In 1947, just before Fain turned 26, his contract was sold to Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics.

Fain, heading O'Doul's ad-

vice, hit .319 with 112 RBI for the Seals in 1941, while leading



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the PCL that season in runs (122) and walks (96). Malgradi notes that when Fain came back from the military in 1946 he hit .301 with 117 runs and 112 RBI to lead the team to the PCL title with a record of 115 wins and 68 losses. They played a lot of games, back then, you'll notice — and they enjoyed doing it.

He led the American League in batting in both 1951 and 1952 with averages of .344 and .327. The .344 average remains the A's franchise record, challenged this year by Jason Giambi's .342.

Fain spent nine years in the majors, six with Philadelphia, then rounded out his career with the White Sox in 1953-54, and in 1955 Detroit and Cleveland. His lifetime batting average was .290. In addition to his batting titles, Fain led the league in doubles with 43 in 1952. He also earned the admiration of his peers for his fielding throughout his career.

Fain probably was the best fielding first baseman this observer has seen. Malgradi provides stats comparing Fain's stats with those of the legendary Hal Chase. An example was in double plays where Fain had 179 more than Chase, who had 36 more years in the majors than did Fain.

Malgradi declares that none could top Fain in initiating a force at second base to start a double play.

Because of his hairstyle, Fain was called "Burrhead" (opponents probably had other names for him because he did, indeed, put a burr under their saddles). And, one cannot picture Fain's career without mentioning one other quality or characteristic that stood out when he was playing for many years, whether in the PCL, majors or in numerous semipro games at Washington Park: Fain was what could be accurately described as "feisty." Combative. He'd get in the face of umpires, other players or whoever. But that fiery temper and highly competitive attitude belied the fact that he was, to those of us who knew him rather well, a genuinely nice, caring human being. Many regarded him as a throwback to the old-time players, likened to the John McGraw school of yesteryear, as described in 1952.

Fain was in a wheelchair some years ago when he was remembered by a crowd of nearly 30,000 at Candlestick Park.

And he was having a problem walking a few years ago when he spoke at length (Fain was not given to brevity, but was always interesting) at the Bayview/Raimondi reunion. Next time, he was in a wheelchair, but still the same old Ferris, glad to be with the old baseball crowd.

He had a little problem with the law against marijuana growing, but that problem ended, and was hit by diabetes, high blood pressure and what was described as a slow-moving form of leukemia. His health declined steadily, but his mind and his graciousness remained.

It's likely that few if any of the current Oakland Athletics knew or cared of the Ferris Fain legacy, but there's not a one of them who couldn't use his skills and, particularly, his burning zeal to never let up, never give up and battle with intensity to the end.

That was Ferris Fain whether on the field or away from it. One heckuva guy.

## Title

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though it took the Scots two days to beat the Eagles.

In a well-chronicled saga, the Highlanders had a 26-19 lead over Kennedy on Friday afternoon when the game was called due to darkness with 1:21 left to go. BSAL commissioner Phil Tomasini, citing CIF and NCS rules, decided the game should be finished and it was, on Tuesday afternoon at Kennedy.

The Highlanders won 26-19, but lost wide receiver Mac Conn with a severely sprained ankle when he stepped on a sprinkler head during pregame drills on Tuesday.

So the game boils down to this: St. Mary's must harass Pied-

mont quarterback Drew Olson (1,367 yards, 14 TDs), who throws to win these days, but must do it Friday with a weakened receiving corps. The Panthers must also contend with Highlanders running back Mark Jones, who had 212 yards rushing against St. Patrick/St. Vincent and had a four-touchdown game against Salesian.

Piedmont must slow down George and make the Panthers one-dimensional — and Murphy has never quarterbacked in a big game like this. However, Murphy will be throwing against a Piedmont secondary which will be lacking Conn — he was the Highlanders' starting free safety.

St. Mary vs. Piedmont. George vs. Olson. What was predicted has come to pass.

One team will see the light.

## X-Country

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bug through most of the season, finished with 77 points, good for third place. According to coach Mariel Triggs, each of her six runners turned in personal bests. "We saw some great finishes," she said.

As for the rest of the field, St. Patrick took fourth with 96 points while Albany and St. Joseph were incomplete.

The Piedmont boys also made a strong showing, taking home the team title 33-53 over second-

place St. Mary's.

Crosby Freeman, a senior, took the top spot in 15:13 ahead of St. Mary's Rudy Vasquez's time of 15:75.

"It was a tough race. I was surprised Rudy was there with 400 (yards) to go," said Freeman. "The competition was solid and we had to battle, but we were ready to go."

Other team finishers include St. Joseph in third place with 75 points, Albany in fourth place with 93, Salesian in fifth place at 123, and St. Patrick rounding out the pack at 139.

## Salsig

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Links: Three-time Alameda Commuters champ Gary Vanier survived Stage 1 of the Senior PGA Tour qualifying in ninth place, but it wasn't that easy — he shot a 77 the final round. "I should have been a poster boy for Penzance I was leaking so much oil that final round," he said. "So much for the prevent defense." Vanier will tee it up next week in Southern California in the final stage. Eight cards to the most golden parachute are available. —Former San Francisco City champ, now Bishop O'Dowd freshman

Martha Burkard shot an 82 to take ninth place in the CIF

NorCal high school championship Monday in Salinas.

Samantha Trask of Napa won with a 74. St. Francis Sacra-

mento won the team title.

The poor man's Crosby is the best deal in golf, and it is next

week at Pebble Beach. It is

called the Pebble Beach Invitational, and it has celebrities,

tour stars, and very low fees to

gallery. No need to sign up for

tickets beforehand, just show

up...Dan Forsman of Los Altos

had a problem last week. He

was 137th on the money list

## LES WHITE'S TENNIS TIPS

### Dialing in the second serve

Q: Should I take a little time between the first and second serves?

A: You had better. Having already missed your first service, you'll lose the point if you double fault. Watching players, I have found they usually do not serve well when they attempt their second serves right after missing the first one. The thing to do is develop some kind of rhythm; you must take a bit of time with the second serve, giving it even more thought than the first.

Good players do not just mindlessly hit second serves — often go through a ritual, which forces them to take extra time between serves. You do the same and learn from a missed first serve. Having hit the first one long, you must now shorten your cycle in order to make good on the second one.

Les White conducts a tennis clinic every weekday afternoon at the Alameda High School tennis courts. For information, call 5714. Les can also be found on the Internet at [www.inalameda.com](http://www.inalameda.com).



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## PREP FOOTBALL

ACCALE

Pineol	W	L	T	PF	PA	Ovrl
Berkeley	4	0	0	277	73	8-1-0
Encinal	3	0	0	189	57	5-0-0
El Cerrito	3	0	0	95	178	3-0-0
De Anza	2	2	0	147	159	2-2-0
Alameda	1	4	0	93	143	3-5-0
Richmond	0	5	0	63	249	1-8-0

Friday's results  
Pineol Valley 42, Alameda 21  
De Anza 42, Encinal 14  
Berkeley 68, Richmond 14

BSAL

Piedmont	W	L	T	PF	PA	Ovrl
St. Mary's	3	1	0	144	78	5-4-0
St. Patrick	2	2	0	121	130	4-5-0
Kennedy	2	2	0	109	116	6-2-0
JSWett	1	3	0	42	95	2-7-0
Albany	0	4	0	27	106	3-6-0

Tuesday's results  
Piedmont 26, Kennedy 19  
Saturday's result  
St. Mary's 42, St. Patrick 34  
Friday's result  
John Swett 10, Albany 0

## PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

ACCALE

Berkeley	W	L	GB
Encinal	13	0	3
De Anza	10	3	3
El Cerrito	8	3	9
Alameda	6	7	7
Hercules	2	11	11
Richmond	2	11	11
Pineol Valley	1	12	12

Tuesday's results  
Pineol Valley 4, Richmond 15-10, 8-15, 12-15, 15-5, 15-8  
De Anza 4, Alameda 15-7, 15-7, 12-15, 12-15, 15-13  
Encinal 4, Hercules 15-8, 15-4, 15-1, 15-1  
Berkeley 4, El Cerrito 15-7, 13-15, 15-12, 15-4

## FINAL: Bay Shore Athletic League

Albany	W	L	GB
Piedmont	11	0	1
St. Joseph	8	4	4
St. Elizabeth	8	4	4
St. Patrick	8	4	4
Salesian	5	7	7
Holy Names	2	11	10 1/2
John Swett	2	10	10 1/2
Kennedy	0	11	11 1/2

## PREP BOYS X-COUNTRY

ACCALE Championships

3 miles, at Point Pinole  
Team scores: Alameda 25, Berkeley 31, Encinal inc.  
Individual results  
Alex Enosco (Ber) 16:09, Yoli Rechert (Ala) 16:13, Nicholas Bell (Ala) 16:15, Mary Swett (Ala) 16:28, McRilly (Ber) 17:07, David Perry (Ber) 17:43, Peter Lim (Ala) 17:45, Sammed Anwar (Ber) 17:58, Sean Smith (Ala) 17:59, Daniel Wei (Ber) 18:43, Ve Lu (Enc) 21:16, Peter Ly (Enc) 22:22, Michael Shurz (Enc) 22:55

BSAL championship

2.9 miles, at Point Pinole, Richmond  
Team scores: Piedmont 33, St. Mary's 53, St. Joseph 75, Albany 93, Salesian 123, St. Patrick 139  
Individual results  
Crosby Freeman (P) 15:13, Rudy Vasquez (SM) 15:25, Nic Korfman (SJ) 15:44, Michael Sullivan (P) 15:57, Tavis Mason (SJ) 16:15, Justin Samuels (A) 16:45, Sandino Moya-Smith (P) 16:45, The Rodriguez (SM) 16:50, Mike Garrett (SP) 16:57, Alex Larnahan (P) 16:58, Nicholas Kaushanush (P) 17:07, Greg Williams (SM) 17:07, Jake Teasara (SM)

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**East Bay's  
Blattering TV  
Portrait**

There have been a first for a locally televised football game from Oakland: No "shots" of San Francisco's "49ers" instead, there were several "shots" of the game itself — Lake Merritt at night, the Mormon Temple, the Bay Bridge, etc. Plus, Oakland native son Tom Hanks at the Coliseum to make the usual funny comments on ABC's Monday Night Football. All in all, not bad. Plus, the Raiders won the game.

It was the first time I'd watched an ABC Monday-night game this year (only when the Raiders play, thank you) and I wanted the chance to check in on comedian commentator Dennis Miller. And the much-maligned Miller, like the Raiders, was on his game, carefully railing the funny one-liners and witticisms, rarely missing. My one regret is that I wish we'd had more of a chance to see Miller and Hanks exchange banter. And A's star Jason Giambi was on hand to offer some diplomatic comments about the just-concluded World Series.

When the bright and educated Miller made reference to the Plantagenets on one of his first broadcasts on "MNF" last year, I knew that the cries of "treason" and the verbal abuse by football purists and non-intellectuals would be fueled. Monday night, Miller's material included references to such diverse subjects as Wilt Chamberlain, Hope and Crosby, and mythical Greek monster the Hydra. None of the material was forced, and some of it was ad-libbed. In the hard of testosterone, beer and pickup-truck commercials, and expert violence, it's nice to know there's still room for intelligence, even if grudgingly provided.

The sharp-tongued Miller (who tones down his HBO act on ABC) displayed several flashes of this rare wit here Monday. The fact that he didn't turn his tart tongue on the East Bay was an added blessing. (There are plenty of far less ingenious Oakland-bashers in S.F. and elsewhere.)

Speaking of tongues, ESPN's popular Web site posts a tongue-in-cheek feature each Tuesday morning called "The Annotated Dennis Miller" and compiled by a staffer at brittanica.com. If you didn't understand Miller's "duck walking" reference from the film "Cool Hand Luke" Monday (I'd forgotten it) it explains it after giving you Miller's quote. Ditto the Hydra. Ditto Miller's funny reference to late sexual profligate Wilt Chamberlain and "scoring" 20,000 times.

I won't watch the Monday games (unless Oakland is involved), but I may start checking out "The Annotated Dennis Miller." It's a great destination for all you fellow dilettantes. Miller is guilty of dilettantism, but that's a minor sin inured on sports TV.

**Triple-word score:** Speaking of books, if you play Scrabble, I highly recommend Stefan Fatsis' entertaining new book, "Word Freaks." Fatsis took a leave of absence from his job as a sports reporter at The Wall Street Journal (!) to write this new-received book — and found himself getting sucked deeply into the word/anagram game, eventually winning tournaments and just missing being ranked high enough to qualify for the national finals.

Fatsis' "Scrabble odyssey" is a window inside the unique, often dysfunctional subculture of the "Scrabble" pros," written in a lively style. (NBC sports tonight: "Drama, strategy, controversy, pathos; the rich panorama of emotion. Synchronized swimming? No. Scrabble. Who knew?")

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DEEP DISH: Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black star in the surprisingly well-intentioned "Shallow Hal," directed by the Farrellys.

'Hal' deeper than you might think

By Mary F. Pols  
STAFF WRITER

The advertisements for the Farrelly brothers' new movie "Shallow Hal" make it seem extremely tasteless, like something potentially astonishingly insulting to overweight people. But while it plunges cheerfully into the brothers' customary tastelessness, it's also oddly sweet, soulful and even, egads, well-intentioned.

Jack Black ("High Fidelity," "Jesus' Son") plays Hal, an average albeit sleazy guy who is interested in dating only ridiculously beautiful women (thankfully, a prologue establishes why he developed this syndrome, sparing us from hating him). Trapped by chance in an elevator with self-help guru Anthony Robbins, Hal sums up his

**REVIEW**  
■ **WHAT:** "Shallow Hal"  
■ **STARRING:** Jack Black, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jason Alexander  
■ **RATING:** PG-13 (language and sexual content)  
■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 53 minutes  
■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters  
■ **GRADE:** B-

perfect woman as a combination of the best parts of Heidi Klum and Britney Spears and a few other babes, but notes critically that Britney "is a tad muscular." Robbins tries to point out how shallow Hal is. "Would you rather have a woman with half a brain

or one breast?" he asks him. Black knits his brows together. "How is the remaining breast?" he asks. "Is it big?" Robbins, who adapts smoothly to the big screen, hypnotizes Hal so he sees only a woman's inner beauty (or in a few cases, the lack thereof). Instantly he starts being nice to much less attractive women, particularly a former Peace Corps volunteer named Rosemary (Gwyneth Paltrow) who, unbeknown to him, weighs about 300 pounds. Since she's a lovely person, he sees her as slender, sunny Hal Paltrow.

**Happy couple**  
Hal rejoices that he's finally bagged a gorgeous woman who is also nice, smart and funny, although he's a bit puzzled by how

much furniture she breaks. They're a very happy couple until Hal's best friend Mauricio (Jason Alexander at his smarmiest) starts to meddle. "Shallow Hal" isn't as riotously funny as "There's Something About Mary," but it indicates the Farrelly boys are back on track after "Me, Myself and Irene." Its comic formula and plot essentially parallel "Mary's." Hal opens a door and greets Rosemary with goop on his eyes at about the same dramatic point as Ben Stiller opened that door and greeted Cameron Diaz with goop hanging off his ear. Different source of goop this time, but same idea.

As there was in "Mary,"  
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'Much Ado' about something at Berkeley Rep

Of all the nice things you can say about Berkeley Repertory Theatre productions — and they are many — one of my favorites is "they never let you down." Or, to re-gather caution thrown to the wind, very, very rarely.

Chances are, "Much Ado About Nothing," previewing next Friday, Nov. 16, for a run through Jan. 8, will have something "ado" about upholding BRT's reputation for interesting surprises.

The premise is intriguing. Director Brian Kulick's version of Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy is loosely set in an Italian villa following World War I. Young Claudio vows his love for young Hero, the governor's daughter. Cheeky Benedick denies his love for the sassy Beatrice. Don John, the scheming one, tries to drive Claudio and Hero apart, but his princely brother, Don Pedro, convinces to bring the lovers together.

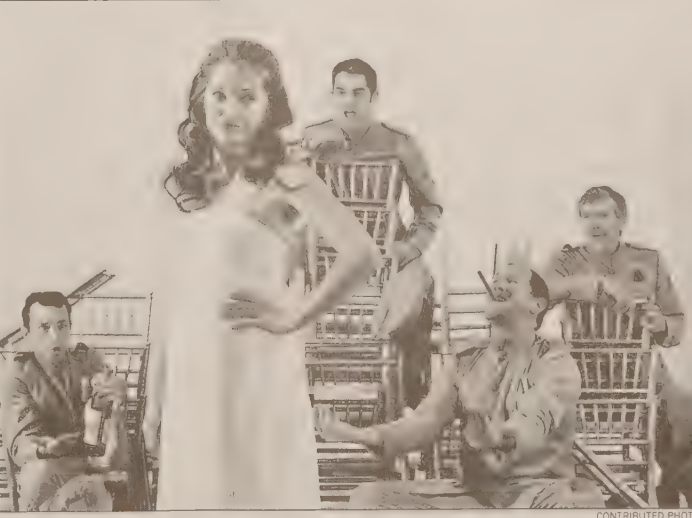
And all's well that ends well once libelous rumors are laid to rest and plots are revealed to be much ado about nothing.

Production sponsors for "Much Ado About Nothing" are American Airlines and Contra Costa Newspapers.

"Much Ado" opens at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 — that's a change in the previously announced date — in the Roda Theatre, 2015 Addison St., Berkeley, next door to the Thrust Stage. Ticket prices vary by days of the week. Call 510-647-2949, or toll-free at 888-4BRTTX.

For an insider's peek into the staging of this and other of the Bard's fascinating works, the public is invited to join Kulick and Jonathan Moscone, artistic director of the California Shakespeare Festival, for a conversation at 8 p.m. on the Thrust Stage this coming Monday. It's free and open to the public.

**'NICK' TONIGHT AT CCC:** Opening tonight at 8 is "Nicholas Nickleby," newest production of Contra Costa College Drama Department and the Young Actors' Workshop. The musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel is on stage at CCC's Performing



NATHAN DARROW, left, Francesca Faridany, Michael Brusaco, Andy Murray and Charles Shaw Robinson appear in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," opening Nov. 20 at the Berkeley Rep.

**JACK TUCKER**  
Community Theater

Arts Center, El Portal Drive and Castro Street, San Pablo, at the campus entrance.

Two weekends only, it plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Nov. 18, under the guidance of Susan Worthing, artistic director; Tim Zenor Davis, associate director; Laura Elaine Ellis, choreographer, and Phil Gorman, a YAW alumni and recent Yale graduate who is returning home as the new musical director. Welcome back, Phil.

New ticket prices are \$10 general; \$8 for seniors and students. Call 510-235-7800, Ext. 4274.

**WELCOME NEWCOMER:** Listen up, theater folks. Here's something you may have heard about before, but, hope-

fully, will be hearing much about from here on. Alchemy Works is a brand new Bay Area company. It's being launched by P.E.P., the Professional Enrichment Program, a coalition of organizations dedicated to the professional development of artists and theater workers from under-represented groups, especially those with disabilities. Formed by Pamela Walker of Talent Bridge, Alchemy Works hopes to become a national model for bringing disabled artists into the mainstream of professional work.

The remaining three performances of its inaugural shows — at 8 p.m. tonight and 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. tomorrow — can be seen at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. It opened Thursday.

The initial show is a workshop production of a collection of one-acts called "me/you ... us/them." The concept and staging is by Mike Ward, founding artistic director of Isis Arts Collective.

Tickets are \$15 general; \$10

for seniors, students and members of the Corporation for Disabilities & Telecommunications, and Theatre Bay Area. Tickets can be purchased through one of the Community Box Office Network (CBON) outlets.

**AUDITIONS APLENTY:** Three tempting auditions coming up fast — two Sunday and Monday; the other next week — for a wide variety of types and talents.

"I Hate Hamlet" by Paul Rudnick, directed by Michael Ray Wisely, 5-9 p.m. Nov. 11 and 6-10 p.m. Nov. 12, at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. (corner of Moers), El Cerrito.

Parts for three men, ages 27-32; 30-40 and 40-plus. Guys, if your heart is set on the plum John Barrymore-ish part, you gotta have a British accent, and have experience with classical verse and fencing. Tough. But what fun if you can hack it.

Three women ages 22-28; 30-40 (New York types) and 60-plus (German).

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EVENTS

**General**  
**Oakland Public Library —**  
**MAIN BRANCH —**  
"Lawyers in the Library," Nov. 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free assistance and referral. Advance sign-up at 5 p.m.  
"The 10th Annual Native American Culture Day," Nov. 17, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A celebration of Native American music, dance and storytelling. This is a family-oriented program. In the West Auditorium. Main Library, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3615

**ASIAN BRANCH —**  
"Slideshow on Chinese Americans in the Military," Nov. 17, 11 a.m. With Christina Lim, co-author of "In the Shadow of the Tiger," about Chinese Americans in the Air Force during World War II with refreshments  
388 Ninth St., Ste. 190. (510) 238-3400

**DIMOND BRANCH —**  
"Get Your Illustrated Book Published," Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. With Miki Raver, author of "Listen to Her Voice. Women of the Hebrew Bible."  
"Internet Workshops," Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844

**EASTMONT BRANCH —**  
"African American Genealogy Class," Nov. 17, 11 a.m. Limited space  
7200 Bancroft Ave. (510) 615-5726

**PEDMONT BRANCH —**  
"A Sense of Place: A Literary Voyage in Space and Time," Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A book discussion series hosted by Leon Ginsky. This time: "Precolonial Nigeria: 'Things Fall Apart' by Chinua Achebe."  
160 41st St. (510) 597-5011

**WEST OAKLAND BRANCH —**  
"Do It Yourself Publishing Workshop," Nov. 10, noon to 3 p.m. Renay Jackson and Anika Nikki Hamilton cover all aspects of the record and book publishing industries, including the difference between agents and managers, how to get radio airplay, grants and loans, copyrights, internet sales, advertising and more "Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.  
1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049

**SPECIAL EVENT —**  
"Second Start Adult Literacy's Annual Fund-Raising Event," Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. An evening of discussion, light refreshments and the opportunity to purchase copies of "The Spirit of Oakland." Speakers include author and journalist William Wong, authors Chiori Santiago, Abby Wasserman and Mary Ellen Butler and writer and columnist Brenda Payton. At Barnes & Noble, Jack London Square. (510) 238-6931  
Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oakland.library.org

**West Coast Live —** Ongoing. Sedge Thomson's weekly Bay area radio show featuring two hours of interviews, musical performances and live radio play. Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to noon: With folk musicians from the Berkeley Folk Festival, world music pioneers Ancient Future, pianist Gini Wilson, and Karl and Carl with "Tips on Travel."  
\$15. The Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St. Berkeley. (415) 664-9500, ticketweb.com or www.wcl.org

**Spike and Mike's Sick And Twisted Festival Of Animation —** Nov. 9 through Nov. 22. The infamous showing of "tasteless toons" returns to the Bay area. For ages 18 and up.  
Oaks Theater, Nov. 9 through Nov. 22. Friday and Monday through Thursday, 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. 1875 Solano Ave., Berkeley. (510) 526-1836.  
Park Theater, Nov. 9 through Nov. 15: Friday and Monday through Thursday, 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. 3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette. (925) 283-7997  
\$8 general; \$5 matinees. (800) 457-7453 or www.spikeandmike.com

**Margaret Mead Film And Video Festival 2001 —** closing Nov. 19. A grouping of international movies about communities and cultures around the globe. This year's festival honors the 100th birthday of Mead (1901-1978) and the contributions made by the famous anthropologist to the study of generations and their influences on one another.  
\$7 general; \$8.50 double bill; discounts for seniors, students and disabled. University of California Pacific Film Archive, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-0808 or www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

**Golden Gate Geographic Society 2001-2002 Travel Film Series —** "France" Nov. 15 through Nov. 17. The first film in the series focuses on France, with an exploration of holy sites, cathedrals, chateaus, beaches and cheese. Presented by filmmaker Dwayne Merry in person.  
Nov. 15, 2 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.; Rheem Theatre, Rheem Boulevard. (510) 238-3400

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## NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F. Pols, Times; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; Robert W. Butler and Desmond Ryan, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, Mark Crenson, David Germalin, Chris Grygiel, Christy Lemire, Sheila Norman-Culp, Malcolm Ritter, Bob Thomas and Matt Wolf, Associated Press; Duane Dudek, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel; John Anderson, Bob Heisler and Gene Seymour, Newsday; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elvis Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Jack Matthews, New York Daily News; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan and Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times; Henry Sheehan, Orange County Register; Mark Caro and Robert K. Elder, Chicago Tribune; Nancy Churnin, Gary Dowell, Tom Mastrand and Tom Sime, Chris Vogner and Philip Wurtz, Dallas Morning News; and Desson Howe, Washington Post.

**"BANDITS":** Barry Levinson directs a charmer, a road movie that takes us on a real journey, one with actual twists and turns and unexpectedly funny moments. As they make their way from Oregon to Mexico, a pair of mismatched bank robbers

(Bruce Willis and Billy Bob Thornton) accidentally take a zany hostage (Cate Blanchett), and both of them fall in love with her. And she with them. And we with her. The West Coast, including some familiar Bay Area settings, looks gorgeous, thanks to cinematographer Dante Spinotti. — M. Pols. (PG-13: some sexual content, language and violence.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. **A-**

**"BONES":** Snoop Dogg raises hell as a ghetto ghost out to avenge his own murder and the subsequent decimation of his once-happy 'hood. Despite a bit of social consciousness, a few good laughs and some nice nods to other horror directors, "Bones" turns into a typical modern genre piece as gore and implausible situations run riot. That said, Pam Grier is a standout as a freaked-out psychic. — B. Strauss. (R: violence, language, drug use.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. **C**

**"BREAD AND TULIPS":** This amiable new comedy suggests that an older, better life of imagination, rationality and civility survives on the fringes of a modern nation obsessed with consumerism, empty prosperity and easy pleasure. That city, this film says, is Venice, and it's the location where an

unhappy housewife (Licia Maglietta) blossoms, and meets a melancholy waiter. Maglietta is quite good, but the film seems a little too sentimental and pat for its own good. — A.O. Scott. (PG-13: a few sexual situations.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **C+**

**"THE CLOSET":** Sad sack Francois Pignon (Daniel Auteuil) is about to get fired from his job at the condom factory, until his neighbor comes up with an ingenious plan to save his job. All Pignon has to do is pretend to be homosexual and his employers wouldn't be able to fire him without appearing discriminatory. Yet as soon as his co-workers think he's gay, a drab little man turns into something exciting and new. A smart comedy of errors, with many good laughs. Gerard Depardieu co-stars as a gay-bashing soccer coach forced into sensitivity. In French with subtitles. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality and language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **B+**

**"CORKY ROMANO":** First-time director Rob Pritts and screenwriters David Garrett and Jason Ward are the folks to blame for this insipid comedy starring Chris Kattan as a bumbling relative in a mob family who infiltrates the FBI. The predictable antics the rubber-band-like Kattan encounters aren't funny or inventive. At the end, after

joking about flatulence and insulting every imaginable ethnic group, "Corky Romano" has the audacity to tug at our heartstrings. — C. Lemire. (PG-13: language and drug- and sex-related humor.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **F**

**"DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE":** Stripped down to the dumbest fundamentals of the family thriller genre, the result is a film that doesn't trust viewers enough to patiently build genuine suspense. Instead, it signals every plot point much too early. Set in a small hamlet on the Maryland coast, "Disturbance" stars John Travolta as Frank Morrison, the good-guy weekend dad to Danny (Matt O'Leary). His ex-wife, Susan (Teri Polo), marries Rick Barnes, a wealthy new-guy-in-town (Vince Vaughn), and Frank just knows there's something really wrong with the dude. When Danny starts telling unbelievably adults that his stepfather is a murderer, only Frank believes him. Of course, it's oh so clear all along that Rick is up to no good, so the plot offers no surprises. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, child in jeopardy, language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **D+**

**"DANNIE DARKO":** Detailed reality and flights of fancy have a way of mixing and mingling in this odd fable that weds generic angst of modern teen life to a very specific period in recent history — October 1988. A depressed teen, ostracized at school, has a fake friend (a Harvey who tells him that Armageddon is coming soon as well as acts as a guide through various vandalistic duties. As Donnie, Jake Gyllenhaal is excellent. "Darko" leans a little too heavily on us-vs.-them satire, but this is a strong work from rookie writer/director Richard Kelly. — C. Vogner. (R: language, drug use, violence.) 2 hours, 2 minutes. **B-**

**"DON'T SAY A WORD":** Up until its disappointing "oh please" conclusion, "Don't Say a Word" hums along, a well-oiled piece of thriller machinery intent on manipulation. A shrink (Michael Douglas) is forced to try and unlock a secret number buried deep in the mind of a troubled teen (Brittany Murphy). He's got one day to extract the information, or the kidnappers who snagged his 8-year-old will kill her. Watchable, but with all creepy edge. The tension is real, but the relationships aren't. Murphy gives a haunting performance as the psycho, but her performance is undermined by the swiftness with which Douglas gains her trust. Oh, and the number the kidnappers want? Easily available through public records. — M. Pols. (R: violence, including some gruesome images and language.) 2 hours. **C**

**"THE ENDURANCE":** A documen-



**A CUT ABOVE:** Barber Ed Crane (Billy Bob Thornton) pleads to trade to a client (Jon Pollito) in Ethan and Joel Coen's "The Man Who Wasn't There."

tary about Sir Ernest Shackleton's legendary journey to the Antarctic, based on Caroline Alexander's book. On board his ship "The Endurance," with his crew of 27, Shackleton spent one agonizing winter trapped in the ice pack, then more than a year trying to reach civilization and save his crew. The film brings the story to life and imparts a timely message about man's tenacity, his ability to survive against all odds and the loyalty inherent in true leadership. The narrative is straightforward PBS-style fare, but it is made remarkable by the use of Frank Hurley's photographs and moving footage of the journey. Don't miss this one. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **A-**

**"FOCUS":** An expressionistic adaptation of Arthur Miller's 1945 novel on anti-Semitism and demagoguery. This period piece, set in Brooklyn near the end of WWII, conveys an eerie claustrophobia. Father Crichton (Kenneth Welsh) is a radio commentator who uses coded anti-Semitic language to blame the Jews for World War II. The arrival of a Jewish storekeeper has set tempers on edge, and there is a movement to boycott his newsstand. William H. Macy plays a mild-mannered midget who remains on the sidelines, and Laura Dern plays a sexy, provocative-looking woman whom he initially snubs for her Jewish appearance. The two marry, and the neighborhood's attitude toward them grows frosty. The surreal style, with its film noir camerawork, turns the story into a fable about fear and nonconformity. Yet despite its buildup of suspense, the film's ending feels a bit tepid. — S. Holden. (PG-13: violence and sexual situations.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **B**

**"FROM HELL":** The Hughes brothers ("Menace II Society") rather

## OPENING TODAY

**"AMELIE" (R)**  
A young woman (Audrey Tautou) transforms — almost miraculously — the lives of the people around her in this comedy from the director "The City of Lost Children."  
**"HEIST" (R)**  
Gene Hackman and Gwyneth Paltrow star in David Mamet's thriller. A man's thriller about a thief who enlists his crew to perform one last job.  
**"SHALLOW HAL" (PG-13)**  
A man with eyes for only supermodel babes undergoes hypnosis and sees women to their inner beauty, not their outward appearance. When the woman he's in love with is overweight, Gwyneth Paltrow in this Farrelly brothers comedy

suspenseless take on the Jack the Ripper tale, adapted from Ian Moore's popular 1999 graphic novel, demands comic-book detachment. We have to wonder our curiosity about the mystery of the Ripper and accept the movie's crazy conspiracy theory that it is the crime to the highest rates of British government. We also have to endure close-ups of throat cuts and accept the silly notion of a

## OPENING WEDNESDAY

**"THE WASH" (R)**  
Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg and Gwyneth Paltrow star in this comedy about a carwash where everything goes wrong

suspenseless take on the Jack the Ripper tale, adapted from Ian Moore's popular 1999 graphic novel, demands comic-book detachment. We have to wonder our curiosity about the mystery of the Ripper and accept the movie's crazy conspiracy theory that it is the crime to the highest rates of British government. We also have to endure close-ups of throat cuts and accept the silly notion of a

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## FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change. Call theaters for information.  
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\* Wheelchair Accessible  
Showtimes for Friday November 9

## Alameda County

## Act 1 and 2

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456  
•The Man Who Wasn't There (R) 11, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10  
•Waking Life (R) 1:30, 4, 7, 9:15

## Albany Twin

1115 Solano Ave. Albany 510-843-3456  
•Bread and Tulips (PG-13) 6:30, 8:50  
•Va Savoir (Who Knows?) (PG-13) 5, 8:15

## California Theatre

2113 Kihiraga St., Berkeley 510-843-3456  
•Theatre Temp. Closed for Earthquake Retrofit

## Century 16 Bayfair Mall

350 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 510-276-5694  
•13 Ghosts (R) 12:55, 3:15, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05  
•Bones (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:05, 10:15  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 11:45, 1, 1:55, 3:20, 4:30, 5:35, 7, 9:25, 10:35  
•From Hell (R) 11:50, 2:25, 5:10, 7:40, 10:30  
•Heist (R) 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 11:35, 2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:30  
•The Last Castle (R) 4:10  
•Life As a House (R) 12:40, 4, 7:20, 10:15  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 5:50, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30, 10:30  
•The One (PG-13) 11:30, 12:25, 1:40, 2:40, 3:50, 4:45, 5, 7:05, 8:15, 9:20, 10:25  
•Riding in Cars with Boys (PG-13) 1:15, 7:15, 10:10  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 11:30, 12:45, 2, 3:25, 4:40, 5:50, 7:50, 9:30, 10:25  
•Training Day (R) 11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:10

## Century 25 Union City at Union Landing

32100 Alvarado Blvd., Union City 510-487-9593  
•13 Ghosts (R) 11:50, 1:15, 2:20, 3:35, 4:40, 6, 7:15, 8:20, 9:45, 10:40, 12  
•Bandits (PG-13) 12:35, 5:30, 8:10  
•Bones (R) 11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 7, 9:25, 11:45  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 11:20, 12:05, 12:55, 1:50, 2:45, 3:20, 4:15, 5:10, 5:55, 6:45, 7:25, 8:15, 9:10, 9:55, 10:35, 11:25, 12:25  
•From Hell (R) 11:10, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25  
•Heist (R) 12, 2:40, 5:15, 8, 10:40  
•Iron Monkey (PG-13) 3:15, 10:45  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 11:25, 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:30  
•The Last Castle (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15  
•Life As a House (R) 12:20, 4:30, 7:25, 10:25  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 11:40, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:55, 2:30, 3:30, 3:55, 4:20, 4:50, 5:20, 5:50, 6:15, 6:40, 7:10, 8:40, 8:15, 8:35, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 10:55, 11:20, 11:50  
•On the Line (PG-13) 12:30, 4:30, 8:45  
•The One (PG-13) 11:30, 12:15, 1, 1:45, 2:35, 3:15, 4:05, 4:55, 5:35, 6:20, 7:05, 7:55, 8:30, 9:20, 10:05, 10:45, 11:30, 12:10  
•Riding in Cars with Boys (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:05, 9:55  
•Serenity (PG-13) 2:25, 6:30, 10:40  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 11:35, 12:50, 2:20, 3:50, 5:05, 6:50, 7:50, 9:35, 10:35, 12:10  
•Training Day (R) 11:15, 2, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20

## Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-582-2555  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 1, 4, 7, 9:30

## Chabot Space &amp; Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300  
•The Living Sea (Not Rated) 11:30, 3:30, 8:30  
•Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 1, 7:30  
•To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated) 10:30

## Elmwood 3

2955 College Ave., Berkeley 510-849-0530  
•The Closet (R) 7:45  
•The Deep End (R) 2:50, 7:05  
•Hearts in Atlantis (PG-13) 4:50, 9:15  
•Liam (R) 5, 7  
•Moulin Rouge (PG-13) 9:05  
•Serenity (PG-13) 5:45, 9:30

## Fine Arts Cinema

2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143  
•Bare/Entrevo/Grounds & more (Not Rated) 9  
•Family Pack (Not Rated) 7

## Grand Lake Theatre

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556  
•13 Ghosts (R) 1:15, 6:10, 10  
•Bones (R) 5:15, 8  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 12:30, 4, 7:15, 9:45

## Jack London Cinema

100 Washington Oakland 510-433-1320  
•13 Ghosts (R) 10:50, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50  
•Heist (R) 11:10, 1:45, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 11:15, 2:05, 4:40, 7:40, 10:35  
•Life As a House (R) 1, 4, 7:05, 10:05  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 10:15, 11:30, 12:45, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30  
•The One (PG-13) 11, 12:30, 3:40, 6, 8:20, 10:40

## Hayward 9

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 510-785-9000  
•Bandits (PG-13) 12:50, 4:10, 7:50, 10:20  
•Don't Say a Word (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:15  
•From Hell (R) 1, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50  
•Heist (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:30, 10  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 11:20, 2, 4:20, 7:30, 10  
•Life As a House (R) 12:40, 4, 7:20, 10:10  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 11:30, 12:10, 2:10, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10, 7, 7:40, 8:40, 10:10  
•The One (PG-13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 8, 10:20

## NAZ 8 Cinemas

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 510-797-2000  
Call theatre for movies and times

## Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1835  
•Heist (R) 7, 9:20

## Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-843-3456  
•Bread and Tulips (PG-13) 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15  
•The Man Who Wasn't There (R) 1:15, 3:40, 9, 9:45  
•Moulin Rouge (R) 2, 5, 8

## Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456  
•13 Ghosts (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:30  
•Donnie Darko (R) 1:35, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45  
•Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition (G) 1:25, 3:45, 6, 8:10  
•Focus (PG-13) 1:45, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10  
•Immocence (Not Rated) 1:20, 6:30  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40  
•Life As a House (R) 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 12:40, 1:15, 2:50, 3:30, 5, 5:45, 7:15, 8, 9:30, 10:10  
•Moulin Rouge (R) 1:50, 5, 8:15  
•Riding in Cars with Boys (PG-13) 3:35, 8:45

## United Artists Berkeley

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487  
•Bandits (PG-13) 12:05, 7:05  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 11:55, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:35  
•From Hell (R) 12:15, 3:20, 7:15, 10:30  
•Heist (R) 12, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:20  
•Serenity (PG-13) 3:15, 10:10  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 11:30, 12:30, 2:15, 3:30, 5, 7, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30  
•Training Day (R) 11:25, 2:25, 5:10, 7:55, 10:40

## United Artists Emery Bay 10

6330 Christie, Emeryville 510-428-0107  
•13 Ghosts (R) 11:30, 2:10, 5, 7:20, 9:40, 12  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 10:50, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30  
•From Hell (R) 10:45, 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10  
•Heist (R) 11:10, 2, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 10:40, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 10:30, 11, 13:30, 12:45, 2, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12  
•The One (PG-13) 11, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15, 12:30  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 10:30, 12:0, 4:10, 7, 9:50, 12:30  
•Training Day (R) 10:45, 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45

## United Artists Hayward 6

24850 Hesperian, Hayward 510-786-3000  
•13 Ghosts (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:40, 9:45  
•Bones (R) 12:20, 5:10  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 12:35, 2:50, 5, 7:15, 9:30  
•Joy Ride (R) 2:45, 7:30  
•Riding in Cars with Boys (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10  
•Training Day (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:50

## Central Contra Costa

## Orinda Theatre

4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 6:45, 8:15  
•Life As a House (R) 7, 9:30  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 6, 8:15, 10:10

## Rheem Theatre

350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411  
•Bandits (PG-13) 7  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 5:15, 7:40, 9:40  
•Heist (R) 4:30, 7:30, 9:45  
•Serenity (PG-13) 9:25  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 4:45, 7:15, 9:35

## Century Pinole 10

1491 Tassard Drive, Pinole 510-222-8030  
•Bandits (PG-13) 1:45, 5, 8  
•Corky Romano (PG-13) 3:45, 9:25  
•Don't Say a Word (R) 4:50, 9:10  
•From Hell (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:50  
•Hardball (PG-13) 1:35, 4, 7, 9:30  
•Iron Monkey (PG-13) 2:30, 4:35, 7:30, 9:20  
•The Last Castle (R) 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30  
•Max Keeble's Big Move (PG-13) 1:40, 5:30  
•On the Line (PG-13) 2:15, 4:25, 7:10, 9:05  
•The Others (PG-13) 7, 9:15  
•Riding in Cars with Boys (PG-13) 2, 4:55, 7:45  
•Rush Hour 2 (PG-13) 2:40, 7:15  
•Serenity (PG-13) 1:30, 7:20

## Century 16 Hilltop

3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345  
•13 Ghosts (R) 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:25  
•Bones (R) 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 7:45, 10:20

•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 11:50, 12:45, 2:15, 3:25, 4:30, 5:45, 7, 8:05, 9:20, 10:30  
•Heist (R) 11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 10:15  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 11:45, 2:25, 5:20, 8, 10:35  
•Life As a House (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 11:25, 12:10, 12:55, 1:50, 2:30, 3:15, 4:10, 4:50, 5:35, 6:30, 7:10, 7:55, 8:50, 9:30, 10:15  
•The One (PG-13) 11:40, 12:15, 1, 1:55, 2:45, 3:35, 4:05, 5:40, 6:15, 7:20, 7:55, 8:25, 9:35, 10:05, 10:35  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 11:30, 1, 2, 3:45, 4:40, 7:15, 7:45, 9:50, 10:30  
•Training Day (R) 11:30, 2:15, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25

## San Francisco

## AMC Van Ness 14

1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262  
•Bandits (PG-13) 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:55  
•Bones (R) 2:10, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:20, 12:35  
•From Hell (R) 1:10, 4, 7, 9:50, 12:40  
•Heist (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5, 7:25, 9:45, 12  
•Iron Monkey (PG-13) 1:10, 1:20, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:25, 12:40  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:15  
•Life As a House (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 11:45, 11, 1:15, 3:30, 6, 8:15, 10:30, 12:30, 2, 2:45, 4:30, 5:15, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 10, 11:45, 12:15  
•On the Line (PG-13) 12:15, 2:30, 5, 7:10, 9:20, 11:40  
•Riding in Cars with Boys (PG-13) 1, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10  
•Training Day (R) 11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 8, 10:50

## AMC Kabuki 8

1801 Post Street, San Francisco 415-931-9800  
•Domestic Disturbance (PG-13) 1:45, 4:45, 7:30, 9:55  
•Iron Monkey (PG-13) 12:35, 3, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45  
•K-Pax (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25  
•Monsters, Inc. (G) 12, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05  
•The One (PG-13) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 6:05, 10:35  
•Riding in Cars with Boys (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:10, 10:15  
•Shallow Hal (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:55, 10:55  
•Training Day (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7, 9:45

## Bridge Theatre

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-352-0816  
•The Man Who Wasn't There (R) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

## Castro Theatre

429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120  
•Spoke & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival/Animation (Not Rated) 7, 9:20, 11:30

## Clay Theatre

2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-352-0810  
•Annie (R) 1:30, 1:20, 4:10, 7, 9:50

## Embarcadero Center







## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Children

**The Buddy Club** Children's Show presents Magic and Comedy with the Flying Calamari Brothers from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Auditorium, 1414 Walnut St. Tickets: \$7 per person, \$6 for BRJCC members. Under 2 years are free. For more information, tickets and party reservations, call 236-SHOW or visit the Web site at [www.TheBuddyClub.com](http://www.TheBuddyClub.com).

**Ten Support Group** meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resources Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatricCare at 531-7551.

**Check out books** from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

**Hall of Health**, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

**The City of El Cerrito**, offers special programs for children from 22 months to five years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

**LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at [familyparent@yaho.com](mailto:familyparent@yaho.com) or 415-789-6560 classes.

**The Ann Martin Children's Center** offers eight "Support Groups for Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

**Lawrence Hall of Science**, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: [info@ucliclin.berkeley.edu](mailto:info@ucliclin.berkeley.edu). To register, call 642-5134.

**"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education:** drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**The Berkeley Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends** holds a bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at

Vine and Walnut Streets. Books, plants, housewares, art, collectibles, jewelry, furniture, computers, electronic things, and home-baked goodies will be for sale. There will be music, story-telling, palm-reading, face-painting for the kids. For more information, call 547-2099.

**TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly)** Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from Richmond.

**Dog and puppy training** foster homes urgently needed. Shelters overcrowded, situation desperate. Call Hopalong Animal Rescue today, 530-5154.

**Turning Point at the YWCA**, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assumed in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**Marion Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way, Admission \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive** offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2 —the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-5706 for additional information.

**Civil Rights** activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

**"Work Buddies";** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing clinic;** 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project;** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8502 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**English-in-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. WCCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

**Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

## Exhibits

**Algerian-American sculptor Khalil Bendib** exhibits "Dreams and Mirages," 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 10 and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11 at the Perslan Center, 2029 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Bendib offers a glimpse behind the veil, a look at the Muslim Arab life as he remembers it in his native North Africa. He has won three public commissions for bronze sculptures in Southern California, and is presently completing a major Cesar Chavez monument for downtown Los Angeles. For more information, call 558-0945.

**Kala Art Institute**, 1060 Heinz Ave., features the works of artists Bridget Henry, David Kelson, and Margaret van Patten

through Nov. 30. The artists are the winners of The 2001 James D. Phelan Art Awards in Printmaking. Staff from the San Francisco Foundation will present the awards at 7 p.m. Kala Gallery hours: noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment, Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 549-2977.

**Traywick Gallery**, 1316 Tenth St., presents a group exhibition featuring seven artists who work in photography and related media including sculpture and video. The exhibition continues through Nov. 24. The exhibition, "In Through the Outdoors," includes artists from Los Angeles, Chicago and the San Francisco Bay Area. For more information, call 527-1214.

**Albany Community Center** continues its exhibit of acrylic paintings by Mei-Rung Huang through Dec. 6 in its foyer, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. The exhibit entitled "Lotus," is influenced by both Eastern and Western traditions of art. Huang has been painting since she was very young and studied with her parents as well as several masters in Taiwan. She later majored in Art at Eastern Oregon State University. For more information, call 524-9283.

**The Richmond Museum of History** continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and homefront contributions during WWII. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at the corner of 4th Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

## Literary Events

**Barnes and Noble Booksellers**, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents local authors Carl Clark and Robert L. Smith at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12. Clark is the author of "Pieces From My Mind," and was awarded a Purple Heart for service during WWII, a time when African-American soldiers endured extreme racial segregation and assignment to hazardous duty. Smith will read from his book, "Medic," a well-illustrated memoir of his time as a medic in the Normandy operation of WWII. Events are free. For more information, call 644-0861.

## Meetings

**The El Cerrito Art Association (ECAA)** continues its monthly meeting series on Monday, Nov. 12, with a workshop on Acrylic paints conducted by Michelle

Theberge, education advisor for Liquitex. The meeting is from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Garden Room at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. There is a requested donation of \$2 for non-members. For more information, call ECAA at 559-8640 or Janice Maupin at 524-6739.

## Music

**Cal Performances** presents mezzo-soprano Angelika Kirchschlager and baritone Bo Skovhus with director Donald Runnicles in a recital of Hugo Wolf's "Die Italienisches Liederbuch," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, in UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. "Die Italienisches Liederbuch," 46 love songs, was set by Hugo Wolf (1860-1903) from a volume of Italian folk lyrics translated in German by poet Paul Heyse. Tickets: \$46. Call 642-9988 for Cal Performances Web site at [www.calperfs.berkeley.edu](http://www.calperfs.berkeley.edu).

**Trinity Chamber** concerts continues with composers Richard Burdick, Asher Raboy and Robert Wright, featuring clarinetist Robert Ballis, hornist Richard Burdick, bassist Robert Wright and others at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St. Admission: \$12 general and \$8 for students, seniors, or handicapped. No one will be turned away for lack of suggestion donation. Call 549-3864 for more information.

**Community Women's Orchestra** presents a family concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Malcolm X School, 1731 Prince St. The orchestra, conducted by Ann Krinsky, presents orchestral music based on folk tunes in a family friendly atmosphere. For more information, call 653-1616.

## Support

**The Fibromyalgia Support Group** meet on the third Tuesday of each month from 12 to 2 p.m. at Alta Bates Medical Center, Maffly Auditorium-Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 20. For more information, call D.L. Malinowsky at 801-0550. For directions only, call Barbara Ridley at 204-4503.

**First Presbyterian Church** of Berkeley,

2407 Dana St., presents the workshop in its fall series entitled, "Loving and Caring: Long-Term Care Giving." The workshop is from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Auditorium, 1414 Walnut St. Fee: \$10. BRJCC members. Call 848-0237 to register or for more information.

## Lecture/Workshop


**The North Berkeley Senior Center** presents a lecture series entitled, "The Long-Term Care Giving." The workshop is from 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Auditorium, 1414 Walnut St. Fee: \$10. BRJCC members. Call 848-0237 to register or for more information.

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## Theater, Dance &amp; Film

**Albany High School Theater** presents "Shakespeare's Twelfth Night" at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18. The theater is located at Key Route Blvd. Albany. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 524-9283. For reservations or more information, write to [theatersensemble@hotmail.com](mailto:theatersensemble@hotmail.com).

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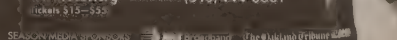
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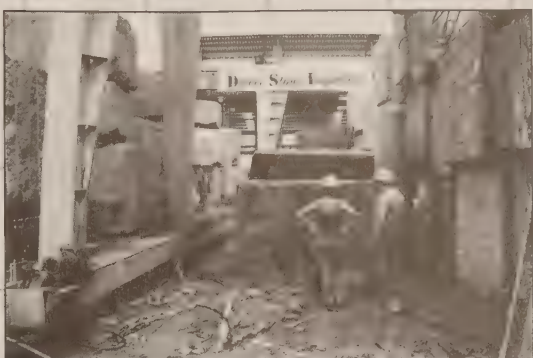
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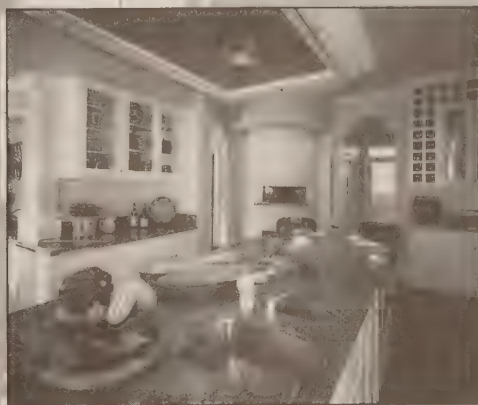
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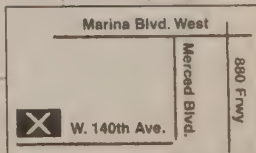
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Section D

## Generation Gap: Nothing flashy about Dodge Ram Van [D3]



BOB HAGIN

The vehicles we don't get to test drive

During the course of a year we have tested approximately 156 various vehicles, but there are usually a half-dozen or so that we'd like to try but can't seem to get.

But we nonetheless think that readers are entitled to be apprised of vehicles in every niche of the automotive market. The following are some of the machines we can't get to appraise last year:

**Mercedes G-Class:** We get lots of Mercedes vehicles to evaluate and some of them are pretty expensive, like the big S600 sedan. There's one that we've never been asked to evaluate and it's arguably the oldest in the line.

The first Mercedes G1 Gelandewagen all-terrain machine appeared in '26 as a lumbering open-top car with two driven axles in the rear. The current version, the G500, is more conventional than its predecessor and has a reputation for being unstoppable in off-road situations.

These books are interesting, at best, but it isn't a beauty like its M-Series siblings.

The Gelandewagen has remained much the same for more than 20 years. Each wagon is almost built in the DaimlerChrysler plant in Graz, Austria. There's a new Gelandewagen model,

See HAGIN Page D2



GMC SONOMA is powered by V-6 engine with a 5,200-pound towing capacity. It has a short cargo bed, but comes with lockable top as 2002 option.

## GMC Sonoma: one of the most popular four-door pickups

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

Four-door compact pickups have been common in developing countries for many years but only recently introduced in the U.S. General Motors jumped into the sales fray in 2001 with its Sonoma Crew Cab.

Sonoma is also available as a two-door or a three-door, in two- or four-wheel drive, but the regular cab/long bed configuration has been discontinued.

This week we test a four-door four-by-four.

**Outside:** The idea of adding extra doors to a small pickup has

changed the way people buy these vehicles, as this is the hottest growth segment in the truck business. Practicality and the ever-increasing use of trucks as personal transportation seems to be the primary reason behind the popularity of four-door pickups.

The last major redesign of the GMC S-Series pickup was in 1994, which brought a new look that is still fresh today. Wrap-around headlights blend into a recessed grille trimmed in body color. Our test SLS wore beefy over-fenders, also painted body color, and a set of integrated tow hooks below the

TOM HAGIN

Solo Road Test

chrome front bumper.

The extra doors are short, as is the cargo bed, so instead of the 72-inch-long bed of the extended cab model, the Crew Cab bed is a stubby 55 inches. An aftermarket roof rack system addresses the problem of not being able to transport long items.

A handy new option for 2002 is a lockable hard cover for the cargo bed.

**Inside:** The interior was extensively redesigned for '98 and hasn't grown stale. Reclining high-back bucket seats up front are standard and comfortable enough, yet built for a variety of differently sized people.

Most drivers will find a good view to the outside, while the dashboard knobs and switches are simple to operate.

There are many hard plastic surfaces on the dash and instrument panel, but they look OK and the fit of the seams is tight. There are plenty of storage places, including a beverage holder in each front

door. The thin rear bench seat is wide enough for three across, but very tight for adults, and because the rear door openings are small, climbing into the rear seat takes practice.

Standard SLS features include cruise control, air conditioning, tilt steering, power windows, door locks and outside mirrors (also heated), remote keyless entry, intermittent wipers and a sliding rear window.

**On the Road:** Our Sonoma is powered by a 4.3-liter V-6 engine

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# Try for second opinion regarding piston slap in Volkswagen Jetta

BY BOB HAGIN

PARCHER AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

**Q** I have an '00 Volkswagen Jetta with a 2.0-liter engine with 20,000 miles. It developed a noise at 17,000 miles that sounds like something is loose in the engine.

In the morning the car makes a clicking noise between 2,000 to 3,000 rpm but I can't hear it on the Interstate. I took the car to the dealer and they said it had a piston slap and they'd have to keep it a few days.

I dropped my car off and they gave me a loaner Jetta with the same engine. We immediately noticed that it didn't make the same noise.

They kept my car for three days then told me that the noise could be caused by a used oil called aftermarket oil filter. The service representative said that VW oil filters are different from other brands.

I have my car serviced every

3,000 miles and check the oil level in the engine at least once a week. The car uses a bit of oil but Volkswagen told me it's normal. I add a quart of oil to my car every two months.

M.M. Everett, Wash.

**A** The noise called piston slap is caused by one or more pistons having too much clearance between their side skirts and the cylinder walls. In effect, the pistons become too small and wobble in the cylinder bores.

It can be caused by an engine simply wearing out (not common any more), a piston seizing because of a lack of lubrication (it runs out of oil) or it's put together wrong. This is easy to check and usually it doesn't happen to all the pistons.

But there could be other causes, none of which could be caused by a wrong oil filter. Find out what brand oil filter your shop uses and call its service reps and tell them your story.

Check if your owner's guarantee says you should use only Volkswagen filters. Also find out if the service representative was a factory guy or an in-house mechanic. Try another Volkswagen dealer's shop, too.

**Q** A few weeks ago my '97 Olds alternator went bad and took the battery with it. We had to get it towed to the dealer and the bill ran more than \$500. This has happened to me with other more vintage cars, too.

My question is this: If we can fly people to the moon, why can't we install warning lights or gauges to alert the driver to a battery that's not getting charged or an alternator that's going bad?

In the old days, '50s and '60s, such gauges were standard and I always knew in advance if my battery was going bad or not being charged and I never got stranded on the highway with a battery problem.

D.H. Pleasant Hill, Calif.

**A** Astronauts are trained to monitor a complex set of instruments at all times when they're in flight while motorists are not. Auto industry market researchers know that most vehicle buyers only look at the fuel gauge and don't know what it means if idiot lights come on or ancillary gauges reflect a malfunction, so they cut costs by excluding them.

Even temperature gauges are ignored until it's too late. I imagine that aftermarket gauges could be installed in late model cars but it might

be hard to find a technician that would do the job and dashboards are so esoteric that it might be hard to find a place to mount them.

**Q** It's time to rotate the tires on my '97 Acura 3.5 RL that I bought earlier this year. The owner's manual says for non-directional tires and wheels to use a half-X rotation, i.e. front wheels move straight back to the rear and rear wheels cross over to the opposite front sides changing the direction of rotation for two of the tires each time they're rotated.

The manual also says that the tires are not original and suggests a to-back rotation.

M.T. Chesapeake

**A** When you're in doubt, the factory recommendation is on service. The manual says rotation is so the factory suspension alignment is even simple tire rotation is neglected item.

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but they aren't sold here by authorized Mercedes dealers, so those new ones that show up come in through the gray market.

So far, we haven't been asked to check one out. For those of you who don't speak German, Gelsandewagen means "terrain vehicle."

**Volkswagen D1:** We also get lots of Volkswagens to try out and some of them are very fancy since the company has long ago shed its people's car image. But unlike some of the long-lead (auto magazine) writers, we weren't invited to try its newest model, labeled simply the D1.

It's definitely out of character for Volkswagen in that its competitors are Mercedes-Benz and BMW luxury liners. The D1 is reported to be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 and is bigger than the S-Series Benz.

It has all the bells-and-whistles that go with fancy upscale cars (leather, polished wood, navigation, concert hall sound system, etc.).

Its available engines are remarkable. They include a 6.0-liter V-12 (three rows of four-cylinder banks), a 5.0-liter V-10 turbo diesel that puts out 553 pound-feet of torque, one that's currently found in the Volkswagen Passat, and a couple of other lesser powerplants.

**Lamborghini Murcielago:** To be honest, we weren't surprised that we weren't asked to try out the new Lamborghini Murcielago supercar.

In all the years we've been evaluating cars, the various owners of

Lamborghini (its current owner is Volkswagen of Germany) have never even acknowledged our existence much less offered us a car.

The new model replaces the aging Diablo, and it's a coupe, of course, with 570 horses and a top speed of 205 miles per hour.

To keep the Murcielago on the pavement at those speeds and to feed sufficient cooling air into the engine, there are a couple of relatively small wings that sprout out from the rear quarter-panels when the car hits a certain speed and modulate themselves to introduce more or less air into the engine room.

Its 6.0-liter 12-cylinder engine is mounted amidship and drives all four wheels all the time. It can jump to 100 mph in just under four seconds and can stop as fast as it accelerates. If we ever get asked to try a new Lambo, we'd promise not to use any more than half-throttle and to keep the gas tank full.

**Aston Martin Vantage:** And again we didn't get a chance to drive the new V-12 Aston Martin Vantage supercar. We thought we might have a chance now, because like Jaguar and Lincoln, the British car is part of Ford's Premier Automotive Group of fancy machinery and we get those cars once in a while.

The newest Vantage model is powered by a very high-tech 6.0-liter V-12 engine that puts out 460 horsepower and 400 pound-feet of torque. In traditional British fashion, the engine is mounted up front and drives the rear wheels.

The slick six-speed transmission can be shifted by small paddles at-

tached to the steering column, just like a Formula One racer.

For rich but lazy drivers, the transmission can be set in an automatic mode for driving around London, New York or Beverly Hills. Ford CEO Jac Nasser spent a lot of time developing the Premier Automotive Group, his pet project, and now it's paying off. Unfortunately for him, he just got fired.


**Lotus Elise:** We've never had the opportunity to drive any new Lotus models, not even its first production model, the spartan Lotus Seven do-it-yourself model of 1957.

Over the years Lotus cars became more sophisticated but we were always overlooked by the company, which may be due in part to the fact that like Lamborghini, Lotus has had many owners, including our own General Motors for a while.

The little Lotus Elise is the newest of the affordable Lotus models and it's reputed to have been inspired by the Lotus 23 sports-racer of 40 years ago, a car I had a nodding acquaintance with back then. Like the 23, the Elise is mid-engine and also powered by a small displacement four-banger engine, a unit it shares with the not-for-America MGF.

It has a tight-fitting two-seater roadster body that carries two people and maybe a couple of toothbrushes. For the past couple of years we've tried to contact Lotus Cars, USA for an Elise to try out but they've brushed us off.

I guess that we could list many other cars and trucks that pass us by, but we've decided to pass on them. It's just too depressing.



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# 2002 Dodge Ram Van 1500: basic cargo transportation

MATT AND BOB HAGIN



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two valves per cylinder that are operated by pushrods and a camshaft that works from deep within the engine block. It's old stuff, but it's reliable and that's what you want in a commercial vehicle.

**Matt:** The rear suspension is similarly vintage with a live axle and leaf springs but over the years, Dodge has migrated away from torsion bars and now there's a pair of coil springs up front.

It has drum brakes in back, of course, but an anti-skid system is standard on the back brakes.

Our test rig couldn't be much plainer with its standard silver-painted 15-inch steel wheels sans hubcaps that mount P235/75R XL tires.

I can picture this absolutely stripped van as being a good contender for around-town delivery service duty or for use by service businesses where carrying capacity and performance has to be weighed against price. You won't see them getting customized as fancy family vans.

**Bob:** That's true, Matt, but van conversions are still a significant part of the van market. Dodge is cozy with several van conversion companies around the country but they're usually done on the long-body vans that can be fitted with almost all the comforts of home.

As a commercial people-carrier, the long-body Dodge Ram Van comes fitted with seating for 15 people. The seat by the rear door is a four-across layout, but as it has always been, the Dodge van has two bucket seats up front.

**ALL THREE** of the Dodge Van engines use vintage technology with two valves per cylinder that are operated by pushrods and a camshaft that works from deep within the engine block. It's old stuff, but it's reliable.

The engineers have never figured out how to get rid of that big cumbersome engine cover behind the dash board.

**Matt:** They've made a little progress in its design. Dad, where the engine cover used to have a flat top

to lay road maps on, now it comes equipped with a couple of cup holders, a place to store CDs and cassettes and an ash tray.

**Bob:** I guess the Dodge Ram Van has entered the 20th Century.

... Chrysler popularized the practical mini-van. Early '82, full-sized vans were a very hot item. Manufacturers made them ready for luxury conversions and propelled them with some very powerful engines.

... had psychedelic paint jobs and lush interiors that had done justice to the ladies' room at a Vegas casino. I still see a couple of them driving around town, but like their exterior graphics, their glory days are over.

**Bob:** No one will accuse the new 1500 Dodge Ram Van of being plush or ostentatious, but we're checking out as being plush or ostentatious.

The basic van is so simple that its only concessions to comfort are its cloth-covered reclining seats and an AM/FM/cassette sound system, both of which are standard on the entire Dodge Van line.

... have a cigar lighter on the dash and I guess it's politically incorrect to mention cigarettes any more.

Dodge promotes its vans as the perfect choice in any kind of work or moving people. Unlike its competitors, Dodge vans utilize unibody construction, which means they don't have a separate body mounted on a full-length ladder frame.

This configuration probably gives them slightly more cargo space than the opposition. Our short-wheelbase model has 200 cubic feet of cargo space and can carry around 1,550 pounds.

The Dodge van line has three different engines. Our tester had the bottom-of-the-line 2.4-liter V-6 that puts out a paltry 175 horses, but with 150 pound-feet of torque, it's obviously tuned for economy.

... being the entry-level version, our 1500 cargo van has a simple three-speed transmission but there's a four-speed version available, too. I can't think of any commercial vans like our Ram that carry a stick-shift transmission.

There's almost a dozen versions of the Dodge Ram Van and up the line, they can be powered by a couple of other engines. The first is a version of the ubiquitous 235-horse 318 cubic-inch V-8 that's been around for a couple of decades. The other, a 360 V-8, is also available.

All three of the engines use vintage technology with

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Championships will be decided Saturday beginning at noon in three divisions: professional drivers with some racing experience, semi-pro (drivers with previous racing experience), and masters (drivers 40 years of age and older). Admission is free.

The Legends series was introduced in 1992 to provide an affordable, uniquely designed race car that requires little maintenance and cost. These five-

eighths scale cars feature 1250cc Yamaha motorcycle engines, which reach speeds up to 130 mph on the Sears Point road course.

Modesto's Ken Schaefer will be among those competing for the crown in the semi-pro division. With two-and-a-half years experience in the Legends series, Schaefer says, "People can't believe how tight these cars race together and how fast they go compared to how small they are. This is an absolute blast." Schaefer enters the event ranked 33rd in semi-pro points.

Napa's Joey Zampa returns to the road course championships and hopes for better luck this year. Zampa, 22, suffered engine problems in last year's main event and finished well off the pace.

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# Corbin builds three-wheel gas-saving custom hot rod

BY KEVIN THEOBALD

PACIFIC COAST AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

Fuel-efficient autos can be dull, but Corbin Motors of Gilroy has designed and built a vehicle that puts fun into saving fuel. Called the Merlin, the new Corbin sportster can't be technically categorized as an auto, since it rolls along on just three wheels.

The Merlin is listed as a personal hot rod by Corbin Motors and the Merlin's flared fenders and air scoop looks as if they are better suited to a drag strip than commuter traffic.

The Merlin features the new Harley Davidson air-cooled twin-cam 88 B V-45 engine that produces 100 horsepower and the power ratio of the Merlin single-seater is better than most high-performance sports cars since the weight of the little machine is only 1,000 pounds. Its construction is state-of-the-art race car technology, using a tubular chassis with a composite plastic body.

Tom Corbin, CEO of Corbin Motors, says, "We haven't done any

performance tests yet but I've driven the prototype many times and I can testify to the fact that it's very fast." If appearances mean anything, the Merlin looks as if it could out run a Corvette or a Viper while getting gas mileage like a Toyota Prius.

The only performance figure that Corbin has officially issued is a 110 mph top speed. Corbin estimates the Merlin will get 40-60 miles to the gallon, but it requires 91 octane gas.

The Merlin is classified as a motorcycle by the federal government which means that in many states, drivers can drive in car pool lanes, a big plus to those who live areas with heavy traffic. The Merlin has a fairly complete complement of accessories, including a standard-equipment CD player.

The interior has luxury features such as a hand-sewn leather seat, a fully appointed interior and an integrated dash. The four-speed manual shifter is located in the middle of the floor so drivers will have to become accustomed to having the

shifter between their legs.

The styling of Merlin is eye catching, to say the least. The driver sits only inches off the ground just like a single-seater race car. A low center of gravity combined a rigid tube chassis and double A-arm independent front suspension makes the Merlin very nimble on fast turns.

Braking is accomplished with disc brakes on all three wheels. Owners of the Merlin Roadster will be required to wear a helmet in states with helmet laws and like a motorcycle, onboard storage space is very limited.

Buyers can choose to purchase the roadster version of an enclosed coupe. The coupe features a scissor door similar to the upswinging system that has been made famous by the exotic Italian Lamborghini supercar.

The prototype Merlin Roadster is powered by a 1,200cc engine, but buyers of the Merlin Coupe have the choice of a 750cc or 1,000cc unit as well. The Merlin Roadster retails for \$23,900 and the



CORBIN MOTORS' three-wheel vehicle, the Merlin, can travel at 110 miles per hour and gets 40-60 miles per gallon but on 91-octane fuel.

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The Merlin is not the first vehicle to use a motorcycle engine and three wheels. Morgan, BSA and several other British makes successfully utilized this economical configuration for nearly half a century.

The Morgan was the best known

of them, using various motorcycle powerplants in its earlier years and even developed a model that was powered by a small English Ford sedan engine. The Merlin brings an old concept up-to-date.

The Merlin isn't the only vehicle in the Corbin stable. For several years the company has been build-

ing and marketing the single-seater electric

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# The luxury Toyota Land Cruiser can still travel on the roughest terrain

**BY THE AUTO NEWS SERVICE**  
Brendan: Toyota has made the Land Cruiser for over half a century and even though it gradually has become a luxury SUV, it still has the ability to travel on the roughest terrain.

It's a vehicle that can be driven through a desert, a mountain, to soccer practice with a load of kids in the back.

One week we test the 2002 Land Cruiser, and while it has changed since 2001, it has enough new features to merit comment. It has many new standard features, and although it isn't cheap, it's a good value.

The Land Cruiser is powered by a 230-horse, 4.7-liter V-8 engine that could use a few more horses to go along with its massive 5,100 pounds of weight.

The four-speed automatic is the only transmission offered in the Land Cruiser, but a smooth-shifting gear that doesn't require any effort is perfect for this rugged SUV.

**Mikele:** I fell in love with Land Cruisers when we moved a couple of years ago. In the new press release, it states that the Land Cruiser has a full-time four-wheel drive system with a locking center differential.

It also has front double wishbone suspension system, torsion bar springs and an enlarged stabilizer bar. And it serves up a nice ride — better than most other big SUVs.

It also has four-link suspension with coil springs and a rear end connected to its solid rear axle. Other features include some items that weren't standard on last year's model, like a HomeLink universal garage opener, an independent rear automatic climate control system and a third row of seats.

The 50/50 split rear seats can fit three additional passengers, but two passengers is more like it. Brendan: Our tester had leather upholstery and heated seats up front and in the second row, so if you're going to use the Cruiser to go to the mountains, this feature would be quite pleasant for second-row passengers.

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## BRENDAN & MICHELE HAGIN Gender Gap

lever.

Our tester had an optional multi-function Navigation system that includes a JBL premium sound system and a six-disc CD/DVD player in the center console.

The Navigation unit features voice guidance, just in case you aren't comfortable looking at the screen while driving, which I'd say is a normal, but sometimes dangerous, human reaction.

**Mikele:** The exterior of the Cruiser is very basic, but I like it because most of today's SUV's try too hard to be cutting edge. The Cruiser didn't elicit drop-jawed expressions from onlookers when we drove it, but it's still very cool.

It's color-coordinated front and rear bumpers and body side moldings give it a smooth, refined appearance, but it still has big P275/70R16 tires on five-spoke aluminum alloy wheels to add toughness to its looks.

Safety-wise, the Land Cruiser has all the goodies like front airbags, adjustable headrests, three-point seat belts, a second gear start feature for winter roads and side impact door beams.

It also features four-wheel antilock brakes, a center high-mount rear stop lamp, and Toyota's Vehicle Skid Control system, which works with the four-wheel drive system and anti-lock brakes to help reduce tire slippage from a sudden change in road conditions.

All that stuff makes for a really safe family vehicle, which, along with Toyota's top-notch reliability standards, makes for a great vehicle.



THE LAND CRUISER serves up a nice ride — better than most other big SUVs.

**Brendan:** Land Cruisers have been family favorites of the Hagins since the early days. It has an interesting history.

The original Land Cruiser of 1953 used a made-in-Japan Chevrolet 235 Stovebolt engine which brought

it to the attention of serious off-roaders as the recipient of a Chevy V-8 engine transplant.

**Mikele:** We ought to tell that story to my GM-loving Dad, Brendan. It might lighten his antipathy about imported cars.

## 2002 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER

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Engine Size	230 @ 4,800 rpm
Transmission	320 @ 3,400 rpm
Drive Type	Four-speed automatic
Weight	5,147 pounds
Fuel Capacity	25.4 gallons
Tires	(F/R) P275/70R16 mud & snow
Brakes	(F/R) Disc (ABS)/disc (ABS)
Steering	Front-engine/all-wheel-drive
Vehicle Type	Eight-passenger/two-door
Warranty	City/highway 13/16
MPG	9.5 seconds

\*Optional multi-port fuel injection

## Study finds Pontiac Aztek the most loved

A recently published study by J.D. Power & Associates, called "Automotive Performance, Execution and Layout Study," found the controversially styled Pontiac Aztek to be the most beloved by its owners of any entry-level SUV — though not for its styling. Customers like the features such as a built-in backpack, bike rack and camper tent that unfolds over the tailgate; the power-train, its smooth, quiet ride, and its sound system.

The new Chevrolet TrailBlazer was top-rated by its owners in the mid-sized SUV category, and the new Toyota Sequoia ranked highest in the full-size SUV segment.

Toyota Tacoma tied with the Ford Explorer Sport Trac for most appealing compact pickup.

The annual study is based on responses from more than 110,000 new vehicle owners and measures what "excites and delights them" with their vehicles' features and design, Power says.

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# Not everyone laments the end of the Camaro and Firebird pony cars

BY TOM INCANTALUPO  
ALBANY

Fans will lament their passing, collectors will treasure them even more and dealers will miss having them as attention-getters to park out front.

But not everyone is weeping over the announced demise of General Motors' long-running "pony cars," the Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird, for which the 2002 model year is to be their last roundup.

None other than the Detroit News gave the cars this send-off:

"They had their day. Problem is, that day ended decades ago. Now, auto pundits will weep over their demise. But they'll be crocodile tears, shed for a pair of dinosaurs."

A bit unkind, perhaps, especially for the

hometown paper, but there's truth in it. GM behaves sometimes as if its vehicles are national historic treasures, like Mount Rushmore, never to be touched, and so it tends to keep some around virtually unchanged for years after change should be made.

To be sure, the Camaro and Firebird hold an honorable place in automotive history. Arriving three years after the Ford Mustang, for the 1967 model year, they helped launch the "muscle car" era of big V-8s, with their smoking tires, outrageous graphics — and high insurance rates.

A generation of '60s era high schoolers lusted for them; I was among them. We stopped and turned our heads to watch a particularly nice example rumble by. Out there today there are thousands of them, along with Firebirds, all in excellent original or restored shape.

And the young people for whom the new cars supposedly are intended ... well, most of them are onto something else, customizing Subarus and Hondas and Mazdas and Nissans or driving pickups or SUVs.

There are exceptions of course; after all someone bought the 22,339 Camaros sold this year through August and the 16,225 Firebirds.

And who knows how many more young people would have bought them if they or their parents could have afforded the insurance. And how many more middle-aged people would have bought them if they could have squeezed their kids into what passes for rear seats in the Camaro and Firebird?

To be fair to GM, two-door cars of al-

most every marque have fallen out of favor, replaced by SUVs and performance sedans. Still, its competitor, Ford, sold more than 112,000 Mustangs in the same eight months. Ford has managed to retain that car's popularity with updates over the years.

The demise of the Camaro and Firebird is hardly a surprise; sales have been dwindling pretty steadily since their best year — 1978 — when 260,201 Camaros and 175,607 Firebirds were sold.

Last year, Camaro was down to 42,131 and Firebird to 31,000.

That might sound like a lot of cars, but

for an automaker tooled them by the hundreds of thousands like that are too small while, unless the car is an expensive like the Corvette.

One day, perhaps, General Motors will offer a new Camaro and Firebird thing more attuned to maybe with all-wheel drive with four doors. The company that possibility in announcing discontinuance.

Who knows? Maybe we'll see other Trans Am and Z28

## Solo

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and is the only engine available with Crew Cab models. It's a venerable design that uses cast iron construction, overhead valves and two valves per cylinder.

It produces 190 horsepower and a healthy 250 pound-feet of torque, which gives it a whopping 5,200-pound towing capacity.

It was mildly updated last year with more advanced electronics, more durable camshaft bearings and a lighter starter that draws less current from the battery. Our tester came with GM's four-speed automatic transmission and Insta-Trac four-wheel-drive, which can be activated on-the-fly using dashboard buttons.

**Behind the Wheel:** Like most modern trucks, the Sonoma rides on a full-length, ladder-type frame that is stiff and stable. Our four-wheel drive tester had independent front suspension with torsion bars (two-wheel-drive models use softer coil springs), and a solid rear axle with variable-rate leaf springs, a setup GM calls its Firm Ride Z85 package.

Payload is just over 1,100 pounds, which isn't much, but with such a short bed, that figure is not unreasonable. It uses a recirculating ball steering system with a variable-assist feature that makes it easier to turn the wheel at slow speeds, but gives more road feel at highway speeds.

Braking is handled by discs at all four corners, which we applaud because disc brakes allow shorter stopping distances than the usual rear drum brakes. An anti-lock braking system (ABS) is standard.

**Safety:** Dual front airbags, side-impact door beams, daytime running headlamps and ABS are standard.

**Options:** Preferred Package (locking rear differential, special tires), \$413; leather/power seating package, \$1,495; locking tonneau cover, \$479; trailer hitch, \$249; bed extender, \$183; cold weather package, \$90.

### GMC SONOMA CREW CAB 4X4 SLS

Suggested Retail	\$24,273
Price as Tested	\$27,767
Engine Type	OHV 12 valve 4.3 Liter V-6 w/SMFI*
Engine Size	262 cid/4293 cc
Horsepower	190 @ 4,400 rpm
Torque	250 @ 2,800 rpm
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Curb Weight	4,083 pounds
Fuel Capacity	17.5 gallons
Tires	(F/R) P235/70R15 all-season
Brakes	(F/R) Disc (ABS)/disc (ABS)
Drive Train	Front-engine/four-wheel-drive
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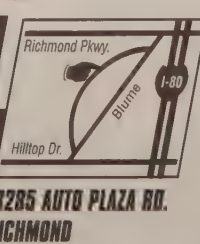
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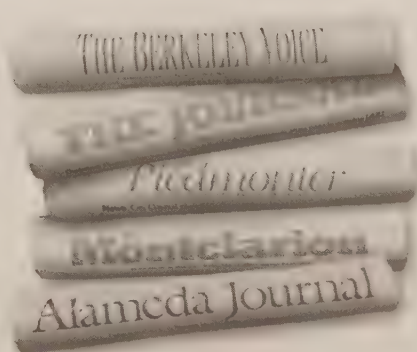
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Wanted for restoration company Min 2 yrs office exp. Word & Excel req'd. Seeking well organized & multi-tasking individual. Excellent written & verbal communication skills. Bilingual a plus. Competitive salary with holiday pay & benefits. Fax resume to 925-432-1705.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.**  
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### HEALTHCARE-Nursing

#### Home Administrator

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#### Marriott

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Front Desk Clerk

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2000 Hiring Bonus

We offer great benefits

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Sherraton Hotel is seeking

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Sales Mgr. to handle

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SPECIALIST (ST-Vallejo)-

Responsibilities include

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ing damages and determin-

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administrative insurance

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settling homeowners

claims. A valid CA driver's

license & acceptable driv-

ing record is also required.

BA/BS or Associate's

Degree preferred. Fax

resume to 925-565-4582,

Attn: Hazel EOE

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FREE Membership. Female

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Technician to perform

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Perform a variety of physical,

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### LABORATORY TECH.

Lab Tech. needed at

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with 2 yrs. exp. in chem

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of info. Must enjoy team-

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Full-time, property manager  
company. Albany  
entry level, medical  
benefits, start immediately  
fax resume to Albany  
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**RECEPTIONIST**  
Immediate openings for  
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(8 a.m. to 7 p.m.) & some  
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not req. FT. No exp. req.  
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Brentwood 510-528-1505

**RECEPTIONIST/CO-OP**  
firm, Mon-Fri, 8am-12  
Noon. Fax resume to 772

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**TECHNICIAN**  
Perform a variety of cus-  
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in the operation and up-  
keep of facilities. Prior ex-  
perience in plumbing, electri-  
cal, carpentry helpful but  
not req. Avail. for full-  
time weekdays mornings 2-30  
and evenings 5-10. Must  
have own transportation.  
Benefits after 6 mos.  
qualifying period, incl. med-  
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Area Recreation and  
Development, CA 94550  
David's (925) 337-7511  
Current DMV printout req.  
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**BARTENDER/BAR MGR**  
For high end restaurant in  
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Experienced Cook, AM Server  
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at our popular East Bay area  
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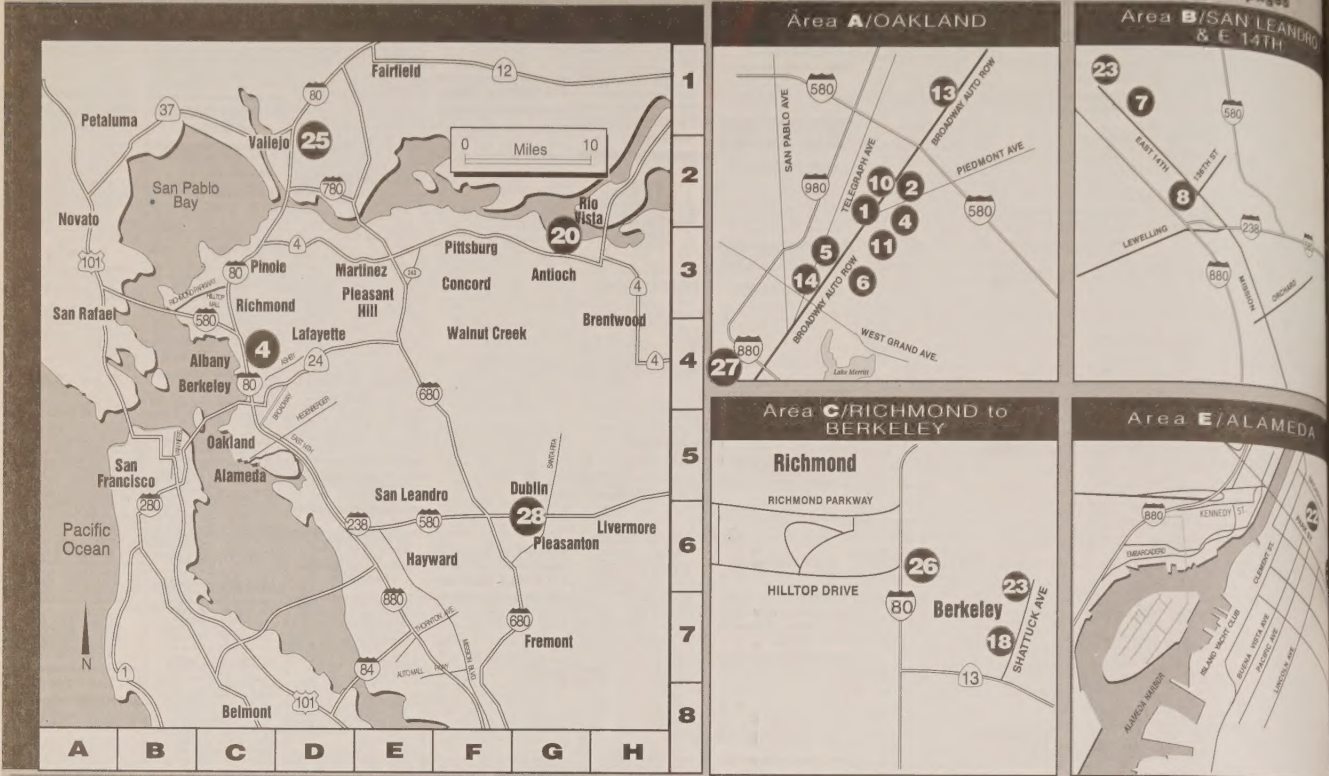
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